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## JOHNSON'S STATION

A double log house and a few log cabins, partially picketed, stood here about 1790. On May 9, 1793, 4 children on their way to the spring were attacked by Indians. Three were scalped and killed. One escaped. The home of Charles Bosley, wealthy pioneer and a member of the Nickajack Expedition, later stood on this site.

# THE JOHNSON FAMILY OF MISSISSIPPI AND LOUISIANA

by  
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The prominent Johnson family of Mississippi and Louisiana had as its progenitor Isaac Johnson, who was born in October 1744 in southern Virginia. We first note him as a "soldier of the Revolution," a corporal in the Ninth Virginia Regiment, Continental Line.<sup>1</sup>

While still in Virginia, about 1775, he married Mary Dunham, believed to be the daughter or sister of John Dunham. She was born in southern Virginia in 1756, like her husband.

Their first four children, Joseph, Elizabeth, Sarah and Henry S. were born in Virginia between 1776 and September 14, 1779.

Thereafter, we find Isaac and his family on the Cumberland River in what is now Middle Tennessee, which at the time was a wild, sparsely settled part of North Carolina, separated from the settled area by rugged mountains. This account by A. W. Putnam may explain the reason for their resettlement.

The division line between the States of Virginia and North Carolina had been run and established by Fry and Jefferson as far as Steep Rock Creek, about three hundred and thirty miles west of Currituck Inlet. The same line should have been extended to the Mississippi, but, as between regions of country which now constitute the States of Tennessee and Kentucky, there was but the unmarked geographical line, which caused doubts and disrupts, legislation, and litigation, for many years, Commissioners were appointed by each of these parent States to run this line, and in September 1779, they met, and after due observations agreed upon the point from which the line should be continued. After running the line to Carter's Valley, some forty-five miles, they disagreed. The commissioners from North Carolina insisted upon running the line two miles farther north than was approved by those from Virginia; therefore they ran two lines parallel, and at that distance apart. The southern line was run by a surveyor by the name of Walker, and has ever been known as "the Walker line;" the northern one was run by Richard Henderson, the great land-speculator and Indian treaty-maker . . . The disputed boundary was not adjusted until 1820, when the Walker line was fully recognized. It is true that Col. Anthony Bledsoe, afterward most favorably known and usefully identified with the earliest settlements and perils on the Cumberland, had, as early as 1771, examined this question of boundary; and, being a practical surveyor, in whom much confidence was always deservedly reposed, he had extended the Walker line some distance west, and thereby enabled many of the settlers to decide for themselves whether they owed allegiance to

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<sup>1</sup>Gwsthrmey, John H., *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, Soldiers, Sailors, Marines*. Richmond, Virginia, The Dietz Press, Publishers, 1938. p. 420, xli; *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi, Embracing an Authentic and Comprehensive Account of the Chief Events in the History of the State, and a Record of the Lives of Many of the Most Worthy and Illustrious Families and Individuals*. Chicago, The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1891, vol. 1, p. 1039; Harrell, Laura S., *What's Your Name? The Johnsons, Jackson, Mississippi, Clarion Ledger*, 1952(?), p. 5(7), col. 1 of the article.

Virginia or North Carolina. Those upon the north side of this line claimed and early enjoyed some of the benefits of the laws and some of the services of officers of the state of Virginia; but those who settled on the south side of the Holston adhered to North Carolina, and lived without law or protection, except by rules of *their own adoption*.<sup>2</sup>

It is known that on May 13, 1780, Isaac Johnson signed at Nashborough (Nashville), North Carolina, the document known as the Cumberland compact which constituted Articles of Agreement, or Compact of Government, entered into by 250 settlers on the Cumberland river on May 1, 1780.<sup>3</sup> Isaac's signature is found just below that of John Dunham.<sup>4</sup> There were 250 signatures.

We are told that

in 1780, during the Revolutionary War, John Sevier [a native Virginian who later became the first governor of Tennessee] led a group of pioneers from the Tennessee region across the Great Smoky Mountains into South Carolina. These men helped American forces win a victory over the British at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7.<sup>5</sup>

It was perhaps as a reward for this service that the State of North Carolina granted Isaac Johnson 640 acres in 1782 on Richland Creek in the present state of Tennessee, and 640 acres in 1782 on the south side of the Cumberland River on Richland Creek.<sup>6</sup>

Isaac Johnson lived in one of the settlements called stations and it thus carried the name "Johnson's Station." William Blount, governor in and over the Territory of the United States of America, South of the River Ohio, in one of his letters to the secretary of war in 1792 says:

I will give you a description of Mero District. The settlements extend up and down the Cumberland River, from east to west, about eighty-five miles, and the extreme width from north to south does not extend twenty-five miles, and its general width does not extend half that distance; and not only the country surrounding the extreme frontier, but the interior part . . . is covered generally with thick and high cane, and a heavy growth of large timber, and where there happens to be no cane, with thick underwood, which afford the Indians an opportunity of lying days and weeks in any and every part of the district in wait near the houses, and of doing injuries to the inhabitants, when they themselves are so hid or secured that they have no apprehensions of injuries being done in return; and they escape from pursuit, even though it is immediate. This district has an extreme frontier of at least two hundred miles.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Putnam, A. W., *History of Middle Tennessee; or, Life and Times of Gen. James Robertson*. Nashville, Tenn.; Printed for the Author, 1859, p. 29.

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 94, 101-103.

<sup>4</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 101.

<sup>5</sup>*World Book Encyclopedia*. Chicago, etc., World Book, Inc., 1968, v. 19, p. 153.

<sup>6</sup>"List of North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee, 1778-1791," film in the National Archives, 1944, E06373, 024541, #17, #18.

<sup>7</sup>Putnam, *History of Middle Tennessee* . . . , p. 338.

Gov. Blount indicated that, taking the station at Nashville as a stand-point, Johnson's Station was west.<sup>8</sup> However, Cave Johnson, Isaac Johnson's half great nephew, who was postmaster general in President Polk's cabinet, 1844-1848, stated in a letter to his sons, Hickman, Dickson and Polk, on January 10, 1862, from Clarksville, Tennessee, that Isaac had

settled about four miles south, of Nashville, 'Known yet as 'Johnson's Station,' now belonging to one of the Bosleys, upon which he resided until the acquisition of Louisiana (1803) by Jefferson, when he removed [from Davidson County, Tennessee] to Woodville, Mississippi, a short distance below Natchez . . .<sup>9</sup>

Isaac's last three children, Isaac, Jr., William, Sr., and Rebecca were born in Tennessee.

Isaac may have gone to Natchez by way of the Natchez Trace which Congress had designated as a post road in 1800.<sup>10</sup> It authorized the U. S. Army in 1801 to clear a road from Nashville to Natchez across nearly 500 miles of wilderness.<sup>11</sup> It roughly followed old Indian trails.<sup>12</sup> Treaties signed by the U. S. Congress in 1801 with the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes made this possible.<sup>13</sup>

However, soon after their arrival in the Mississippi Territory, Isaac's wife, Mary Dunham, died in 1804, at the age of 48. He never remarried. He lived the life of a successful cotton planter, owning as much as 5000 acres. Isaac lived to be 88 years of age, dying in 1832. His grave and that of Mary are to be found in the unfenced family cemetery in a thinly wooded grove at Magnolia Plantation near Woodville, Mississippi.<sup>14</sup> Several of their children gained great prominence in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Their eldest son, Joseph Johnson, born in 1776 in Virginia, married in Nashville, Tennessee, Rachel N. Dillahunt. Once in Mississippi, he became a successful, extensive planter, whose great intellect and magnetic personality gained for him many positions of trust: first president of the West Feliciana Railroad, representative in the Mississippi legislature when that state's first constitution was drafted, clerk of court at Woodville and Pinckneyville, and was prominent in political affairs. He owned several large plantations and a large amount of stock in the railroad and in the railroad bank. He belonged to the Masonic order. At the age of 72, he died in Woodville, Mississippi in 1848, his wife having died in 1844, also in Woodville. There was no issue of this marriage. Joseph left a large estate, which was satisfactorily settled by his nephew and namesake,

<sup>8</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 339.

<sup>9</sup>*Picturesque Clarksville, Past and Present . . . Illustrated*, 1887, W. P. Titus, p. 289, 292, 304; *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*, p. 1038; Walker, Hugh, "Early Settler Survived Historian's Sharp Pen," *The Tennessean*, Sunday, December 18, 1969, p. 1-B, 6-B.

<sup>10</sup>*World Book Encyclopedia*. World Book, Inc., 1988, Vol. 14, p. 26.

<sup>11</sup>*Encyclopedia Americana*. Danbury, Conn., Grolier Incorporated, 1985. Vol. 19, p. 749.

<sup>12</sup>*Funk & Wagnall's New Encyclopedia*. Funk & Wagnall, MCMLXXI. Vol. 18, p. 266, 270.

<sup>13</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 270.

<sup>14</sup> Walker, Hugh, "Early Settler . . ." p. 6-B.

Joseph Johnson (son of William Johnson and his wife Elizabeth Randolph) who had been willed one-third of the property.<sup>15</sup>

Henry S. Johnson, fourth child and second son of Isaac Johnson, Sr., and Mary Dunham, was born in Virginia on September 14, 1779. He was deputy sheriff in Davidson County, Tennessee, in 1800, before moving to Mississippi with his parents. Immediately after his arrival in Mississippi he moved to Louisiana where he studied law, then began his practice at Bringiers. He became in 1809 clerk of the Second Superior Court for the Territory of Orleans. In 1811 he was made Judge of St. Mary Parish upon that parish's partition from St. Martin Parish. In 1812 he was a delegate from Attakapas County to the first Louisiana Constitutional Convention. He next practiced law in Donaldsonville, La. In the month of January 1818 he was elected U. S. Senator thus filling the vacancy caused by the death of Governor William C. C. Claiborne. Re-elected, he served from January 12, 1818, until May 27, 1824, resigning to run in the election for the governorship of Louisiana. He served from 1824 to 1828 as the fifth governor of the state of Louisiana. (The fourth governor, Henry Schuyler Thibodaux, had succeeded as president of the Senate in 1824 when Thomas Bolling Robertson resigned). Upon the resignation of Edward Douglas White, Henry S. Johnson was elected as a Whig to the Twenty-third Congress, and was re-elected to the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth congresses, serving from September 25, 1834, to March 3, 1839. In January 1844 he was again elected to the United States Senate, this time to fill the seat left vacant by the death of Alexander Porter. He served from February 18, 1844, to March 9, 1849. In 1850 after an unsuccessful election to fill the seat left vacant by Charles M. Conrad in the U. S. House of Representatives, he moved to New River, La., and there practiced law, after which he retired to his plantation in Pointe Coupée Parish. While in Washington, D. C., as a senator, he had married Miss Elizabeth Key, a native of Maryland and a sister of Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star Spangled Banner." She died in July 1861. Henry S. Johnson "was an able, courteous, chivalrous gentleman of the old school; honorable and talented, possessed of a keen insight into human nature, and a strong sense of justice and right." While in the U. S. House of Representatives he is said to have given "the deciding vote that brought Texas into the Union." He died on September 4, 1864, on his plantation and was buried there, where the Grosse Tête and Maringoin Bayous meet. He was the father of two children, a boy and a girl, who died in their youth. He therefore, left no direct descendants.<sup>16</sup>

Isaac Johnson, Jr., third son and fifth child of Isaac Johnson, Sr., and his wife Mary Dunham was born in Tennessee. He attended Cumberland College, later the University of Nashville, with his second cousin, Cave Johnson. He graduated at Chapel Hill, then returned home to Mississippi, dying soon after, unmarried.<sup>17</sup>

William Johnson, fourth son and sixth child of Isaac Johnson, Sr., and his wife Mary Dunham, was a native of Nashville, Tennessee, born on June 2, 1792. He was educated in Lexington, Kentucky, graduating from Transylvania College in 1816. While still in college his professor, Dr. Gideon Blackburn and all his scholars, including William, answered the call of General Andrew

<sup>15</sup>*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*. Chicago, The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1891. Vol. 1, p. 1039.

<sup>16</sup>Walker, Hugh, "Early Settler . . .," p. 6-B, col. 1; *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi* . . . , p. 1038; Reeves, Miriam G. *The Governors of Louisiana*, p. 46-47; *National Cyclopaedia of American Biography*. New York, James T. White & Company, 1909. Vol. 10, p. 75; *The Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1971*. Washington, Government Printing Office, 1971, p. 1192; Scroggs, William O. *The Story of Louisiana*. Indianapolis, The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1924, p. 320.

<sup>17</sup>Walker, Hugh, "Early Settler . . .," p. 6-B, col. 1; *Picturesque Clarksville* . . . , p. 292; *Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*, p. 1039.

Jackson for aid against the Indians, participating in two very prominent battles in 1814. Thereafter, he returned to college. Once back in Woodville, Mississippi, he became clerk of court and took part in politics before he was admitted to the bar. He was closely associated as a law partner with two leading attorneys there, Nolnar Whitehead and Judge Child, practicing in Woodville until 1829. From there he went to Pinckneyville, retiring later from law practice. He resided with his brother Joseph and, like him, engaged in planting. When Joseph died in 1848, William inherited most of his property. William married Miss Elizabeth Randolph, native of Wilkinson County, Mississippi, daughter of Edward Randolph, native of Georgia, and Mary Coleman Randolph, native of North Carolina. They were early settlers of the Pinckneyville area, having located there in 1790. They were prominent in local affairs and financially comfortable. William Johnson belonged to the Presbyterian faith and was said to be a successful planter and an excellent citizen until his death in 1854 at the age of 62. His wife Elizabeth died in 1883, at the age of 80 years. William and Elizabeth had eight children, two of whom, Isaac Edward and Henry, died at an early age.<sup>18</sup>

Joseph Johnson, Sr., second son and third child of William Johnson and his wife Elizabeth Randolph, was born in Woodville, Mississippi, on January 8, 1823. He graduated from George Washington University in Washington, D. C., residing at the time with his uncle, Gov. Henry S. Johnson, who was then a member of the U. S. Senate. After attending law school in New Orleans, he practiced law in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Upon the death in 1848 of his uncle Joseph, for whom he was named, he settled the estate, one third of which he had been willed. In that year he settled at Grove Plantation, situated six miles south of Woodville. He gave up the practice of law and engaged in planting cotton for the rest of his life. In July 1850 he married Mary Stewart, a native of Wilkinson County, Mississippi, who had been born in 1830 to William Stewart, a native of Tennessee and Frances M. Smith a native of Wilkinson County. They had eight children. During the War Between the States, Joseph served as captain of the home guards, participating in several skirmishes and controlling to a great extent the lawlessness which existed. Just after the war, his beautiful home was completed. It was four years in the building—a fine two-and-a-half-story brick structure, standing in a grove of beech, maple and magnolia trees, hence its name, Grove Plantation. Unfortunately, the house no longer exists. In the early 1900s it burned to the ground leaving only the granite steps and the columns with their ironwork Corinthian capitals. A member of the Masonic order, Joseph died by drowning in middle life on February 2, 1875. He was 52 years of age.<sup>19</sup>

Pinckney Smith Johnson, Sr., fifth son and seventh child of Joseph Johnson, Sr., and his wife, Mary Stewart, was born at Woodville, Mississippi, on July 10, 1864. He grew up in the mansion at Grove Plantation, but in 1891 he was living in Washington County. On April 24, 1894, he married Mary Evelyn Davis of Woodville, Mississippi. She had been born in Lessley, Mississippi, March 21, 1870, to Charles W. Davis of Wilkinson County, Mississippi, and Mary Ann (Mollie) Jones, a native of Mobile, Alabama. They had eight children who were reared on a cotton plantation in West Feliciana Parish where Pinckney had brought his bride after their marriage. It was the old Stewart place near Jackson, Louisiana, which was almost equidistant from Jackson and St. Francisville—five miles from the former and six miles from the latter. When the boll weevil struck, Pinckney merged his property with that of his wife's adjoining property, the old Dr. McKuen property, and thus formed an 800 acre cattle ranch. In about 1922 the family moved to nearby Jackson's main thoroughfare in order to be near a doctor because of Mrs. Johnson's precarious

<sup>18</sup>*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*, p. 1038, 1039; Walker, Hugh, "Early Settler . . ." p. 6-B, col. 2.

<sup>19</sup>*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*, 1040, 1041; Johnson Family Papers (mostly of a genealogical nature) and Henry Johnson Bible in the possession of Mrs. Patrick Alton Juneau, Sr., of Lafayette, LA.

health. Pinckney died in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on June 20, 1945, and his wife, Mary Evelyn Davis died in Clinton, Louisiana, on May 1, 1953. They were buried in the cemetery in Jackson.<sup>20</sup>

Louise Jane Johnson, the third daughter and seventh child of Pinckney Smith Johnson and his wife Mary Evelyn Davis, was born in West Feliciana Parish on September 3, 1907. She was educated as a child by a tutor on the plantation, then later in the Jackson public schools. She attended Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now the University of Southwestern Louisiana) for two years, then graduated from Louisiana State University with a B. A. in Education in 1932. On December 24, 1934 she married in New Orleans Patrick Alton Juneau, Sr., a food broker from Avoyelles Parish. She taught in Gretna for three years. The balance of her teaching career was spent at the Lafayette Elementary School (formerly the Lafayette Junior High) teaching 8th Grade English. She and Patrick had one child, Patrick Alton Juneau, Jr., a graduate of the LSU Law School. He married Truley Ann Chapman. They have three sons: Patrick Alton Juneau, III, a graduate of the Tulane University Medical School, presently interning at Vanderbilt University; Michael Joseph Juneau, graduate of LSU and the Harvard Law School, presently practicing law with his father in Lafayette, La; Thomas Randolph Juneau, graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Lafayette, presently pursuing a course in pre-law at LSU. Patrick A. Juneau, Sr. died in Lafayette on October 26, 1961. His widow, a gracious lady, continues to live in her home in the same city.<sup>21</sup>

Thus ends this account of the Johnson family of Mississippi and Louisiana. It has been truly said: "There is no more prominent family in the state than this one of the Johnsons. All have been useful, upright citizens whose high character and noble conduct have reflected upon their descendants and connections the highest renown."<sup>22</sup>

### ISAAC JOHNSON, SR., GENEALOGY

- I. Isaac Johnson, Sr., b. October 1744 in southern Virginia; d. 1832, age 88, in Woodville, Mississippi, buried at Magnolia Plantation in "an old family cemetery in a thinly wooded grove, covered by granite box tombs"; m. about 1775 in Virginia, Mary Dunham, b. 1756 in Southern Virginia, d. 1804, age 48, in Woodville, Mississippi, buried in same cemetery.
  - A. Joseph Johnson, b. 1776 in Virginia, d. 1848, age 72 years in Woodville, Mississippi; m. in Nashville, Tennessee, Rachel N. Dillahunty, d. 1844 in Woodville, Mississippi. There was no issue of this marriage.
  - B. Elizabeth Johnson, second child, reared and educated in Nashville, Tennessee.
  - C. Sarah Johnson, third child, educated in Nashville; m. William Dillahunty; had three children; d. in middle age.
  - D. Henry S. Johnson, b. September 14, 1779 in Virginia; d. September 4, 1864, age 79 in Pointe Coupée Parish, Louisiana; m. in Washington, D. C. Miss Elizabeth Key of

<sup>20</sup>*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*, p. 1041; Johnson Family Papers; Henry Johnson Bible.

<sup>21</sup>Interviews with Louise Jane Johnson (Mrs. Patrick Alton Juneau, Sr.) in 1988.

<sup>22</sup>*Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Mississippi*, p. 1040.



Maryland, native of Georgetown, near Washington, D. C., sister of Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star-Spangled Banner" d. July 1861.

1. Son who died in youth.
2. Daughter who died in youth.

E. Isaac Johnson, Jr., d. soon after graduation from Chapel Hill and his return to Mississippi; he never married

F. William Johnson, Sr., b. June 2, 1792 in Nashville, Tennessee; d. 1854 in Pinckneyville, Mississippi, age 62; m. September 24, 1818, at Pinckneyville, County of Wilkinson, state of Mississippi, Elizabeth Randolph, b. January 26, 1803, d. 1883, age 80, d/o Edward Randolph, b. Georgia and Mary Coleman, b. North Carolina, (settled in Pinckneyville, Mississippi, about 1790).

1. Isaac Edward Johnson, b. Tuesday, July 2, 1819, at 1 a.m., at Pinckneyville, Mississippi; d. March 9, 1821, in Pinckneyville.
2. Mary Elizabeth Johnson, b. Tuesday, February 20, 1822; d. August 1, 1884; m. Thomas G. Stockett.

3. Joseph Johnson, Sr., b. January 8, 1823, Woodville, Mississippi, 2 a.m.; d. February 2, 1875, 8:10, age 52, Wilkinson County, Mississippi; m. July 1850, Mary Stewart, b. 1830; died after 1891; d/o William Stewart, b. in Montgomery County, Tennessee, and Frances M. Smith, b. in Wilkinson County, Mississippi.

- a. William Stewart Johnson, b. Sept. 29, 1851; d. June 15, 1890, age 38.
  - b. Henry Johnson, b. Sept. 8, 1853; m. Mary L. Tigner, April 7, 1886
  - c. Elizabeth Stewart Johnson, b. June 10, 1855; d. Feb. 22, 1926
  - d. Nolan Stewart Johnson, b. Feb. 13, 1857; d. Oct. 25, 1920.
  - e. Joseph Johnson, Jr., b. Jan. 18, 1859; m. June 11, 1890, Josephine Brown
  - f. Fannie Johnson, b. Oct. 9, 1861
  - g. Pinckney Smith Johnson, Sr., b. July 10, 1864, d. June 20, 1945; m. April 24, 1894, Mary Evelyn Davis, b. Mar. 21, 1870, d. May 1, 1953
    - (1). Helen Mary Johnson, b. Mar. 14, 1895; d. May 26, 1927, m. Persey Walker
    - (2). Pinckney Smith Johnson, Jr., b. July 12, 1896; Never married, d. Sept. 19, 1914
    - (3). Elizabeth Randolph Johnson, b. Oct. 25, 1897; d. Aug. 26, 1985; m. Iddo Carson
    - (4). William Wall Johnson, b. Sept. 22, 1899; d. Aug. 24, 1921; m. Carrie Mae Hubbs
    - (5). James Mellard Johnson, b. May 28, 1902; d. May 16, 1954; m. Rita LeBlanc
    - (6). Charles Gordon Johnson, b. Dec. 7, 1903, m. Jane Ball
    - (7). Louise Jane Johnson, b. Sept. 3, 1907, West Feliciana Parish, m. Dec. 26, 1934 in New Orleans, Patrick Alton Juneau, Sr., b. Aug. 11, 1906 in Bordelonville, LA; d. Oct. 26, 1961.
      - (a). Patrick Alton Juneau, Jr., b. Dec. 13, 1937, m. Truley Ann Johnson (Chapman), b. July 22, 1938, d/o James Truly Johnson, Ph.D., b. Feb. 25, 1913 and Mada Louise Goza, b. Feb. 2, 1918
      11. Patrick Alton Juneau, III, b. August 15, 1960
      22. Michael Joseph Juneau, b. June 29, 1962
      33. Thomas Randolph Juneau, b. March 13, 1969
    - (8). Irwin Johnson, b. Aug. 28, 1909; d. July 20, 1975; never married.
  - h. James Stewart Johnson, b. Dec. 17, 1867
4. Sarah Jane Johnson, b. June 14, 1825, Wednesday 5 p.m.; never married; alive in 1891; lived at home place, Glenwood Plantation

5. Anne L. Johnson, b. May 23, 1827, 10 p.m., at Woodville, Mississippi, alive in 1891; never married; lived at home place, Glenwood Plantation
6. Henry Johnson, b. May 1829, Sunday p.m., at Woodville, Mississippi; d. Dec. 1, 1835, Tuesday, seven years of age at Pinckneyville, Mississippi
7. William Johnson, Jr., b. Wednesday, November 11, 1831 at Pinckneyville, Mississippi; d. April 3, 1874, age 42.
8. Juliet Holt Johnson, b. July 18, 1834 in Pinckneyville, Mississippi; Alive in 1891; m. P. M. Stockett.
  - a. Isaac Stockett; d. at early age.
  - b. William Stockett
  - c. Samuel Stockett
  - d. Thomas Stockett
  - e. Daughter; d. young
- G. Rebecca Johnson, m. Isaac Williams; d. Before 1891
  1. Daniel Williams, d. in Texas; left children



Ozémé Carrière,  
leader of the  
St. Landry jayhawkers,  
1863-1865.  
(Photo coutesy  
Mary Alice Fontenot)

# THE FIRST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FRANKLIN

by  
*William T. Shinn*

It was Alexander Lewis, who followed James Huling and Philo Norton in attempting to establish a town, who donated a site for a Catholic church in the new settlement called Franklin. By an act of donation May 5, 1817, he donated

to Frederick Pellerin, Alexander Frere and Honore Carlin, Commissioners for the purpose of receiving donation for the benefit of the Catholic Community in this parish and for contracting for and building a Catholic Church in the Town of Franklin . . . . . a lot of land in the Town of Franklin, forming an oblong square containing 160 feet front by 300 feet depth being four of the said two lots in the centre of said town and known in the plan by Number 25, 26, 37 and 38, the said lot of land being for the sole use and benefit of the Catholic congregation as a site for a church.<sup>1</sup>

Apparently, however, nothing was done to establish a congregation or build a church. On March 13, 1833, Alexander Lewis, then of Hopkins County, Kentucky, filed suit against the three commissioners, alleging

Your petitioner further represents that his views in making [said] donation were that the [said] lots would be dedicated to the use & benefit of the Catholic Congregation as a site, for a Church, being under an impression that such a Congregation really existed in the [said] Parish of St. Mary & that the same had been duly incorporated vested with powers to carry into effect the purposes of [said] donations—But your petitioner has waited for sixteen years to see the accomplishment of his expectations, & no efforts have been made to establish any Catholic Church in the [said] Parish during that time, nor is your Petitioner informed that any Catholic Congregation now exists or has ever existed in the said Parish as a corporate body—Your petitioner further states that the act of donation has never been executed in the form required by law so as to vest a legal title in the intended donee in as much as the [said] donation has never been accepted in precise terms & perceiving that the property intended to be given for a specified purpose has been diverted to other purposes not contemplated in the [said] donation & that there is no longer any prospect of his being able to carry into effect the views by which the [said] donation was prompted, he feels himself authorized to demand that the [said] act of Donation should be cancelled & annulled & that the property intended to be conveyed shall be decreed to belong to him as if no such donation had been made.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>COB B-A page 256 No. 234.

<sup>2</sup>Suit 1299 District Court.

The filing of the suit spurred activity, because on April 1, 1833, an act was approved creating "Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary", giving Frederic Pellerin, Agricole Fuselier, and Honore Carlin and all other Roman Catholics of the parish the rights as set out in act of March 7, 1814, establishing the "Congregation of the Roman Catholic Church in the parish of St. Martin, in the County of Attakapas."

Litigation in those days moved slowly. The next paper filed in the suit record was an intervention by Alexander R. Splane declaring that he had purchased from Hilaire Carlin Lot 23

in consequence of the same having the front aforesaid on said Church lot deprived of which the same would be nearly useless. That the said Lewis sold said lot fronting as aforesaid and cannot now claim the said lot granted for the use of the Church aforesaid which would be greatly to the injury and prejudice of the adjoining proprietors and particularly to your petitioner as he purchased the said lot with the expectation that the said church lot would be appropriated to the purposes for which it was donated.

The answer of the defendants, filed April 16, 1835, gives much information on the subject. In part it reads:

For further answer defendants say that true it is the lots described in plaintiffs petition were donated to your respondents for the purposes therein stated, that owing to the hardness of times and not being able to obtain a sufficient amount subscribed for the purposes of building a church they have as yet been unable to accomplish that object. That on the 1st day of April 1833 an act was passed in the Legislature of the State of Louisiana incorporating a Roman Catholic Congregation in the Parish of St. Mary, naming your respondents as part of said body—that it was also enacted that a church should be built on the aforesaid lot of ground granted as aforesaid by the said Lewis to your petitioners. That in pursuance of said act defendants have obtained a subscription to a large amount from the inhabitants of the Parish of St. Mary for the purpose of building a church on said lot, as stipulated in the act of donation aforesaid and expect soon to be able to erect the same.

On the trial of the case, Seth Lewis, Jr., testified that

he has resided in the Parish of St. Mary upwards of nine years. Knows the land around the willow grove. There is no Catholic Church there. Knows of no Catholic congregation in this parish. Does not know of any attempt to build a Catholic church or any foundation laid for one since he came here or at any other time.

Benjamin R. Gantt testified,

the lot belonging to A. R. Splane is situated on Willow Street. Has understood it was on Willow Street and First Street. Situated as it is he supposes it is worth about two hundred and fifty dollars with the improvements. Supposes a lot would be more valuable with two fronts.

\*Cross examd. says what he understands by Willow Street is the street that runs between two rows of willow. There is no enclosure on the church lot. There is one around the lot of A. R. Splane. There is an open space from the first row of willows to Mr. Splane's lot. It

may be twenty or twenty five or forty feet distant. Does not know the situation of the church lot.

"Examd again in chief says there are two rows of Willows that run from Main Street and there is a space on each side of these rows. Does not know the situation of the church lot. The rows of willows go down each side of the street.

James Plaisted testified that

he believes that he knows the church lot. Its situation as marked on the plat corresponds with what he has understood to be the situation of the church lot & and with other plats. A. R. Splane's lot is north of first street & corners on a narrow street that runs between that & the church lot. There are two complete rows of willows & two parts of rows.

"Cross examd says Willow Street runs through what is called Church lot. Always understood that there was to be a narrow street on each side of the Church lot, one on Allen's lot. There is a vacant space between that & Splane's lot.

The testimony over judgment was rendered by T. H. Overton, judge of the Seventh District, April 22, 1835, rescinding the donation and giving possession back to Lewis. So, after eighteen years the establishment of a Catholic church was aborted.

It was not until September 26, 1848, that the next step was taken. On that date Jules G. Olivier conveyed to Bishop Anthony Blanc a

lot in Franklin being Lot 21 on Theall map bounded east by Main Street, south by Lot 19, West by First Street, north by public road leading to New Iberia, having a front on Main Street of 80 feet, being same vendor acquired at sheriff sale March 6, 1843 at suit of Maskell, Syndic, vs Royster et als, No. 1162.

"lot being No. 19 on Theall map, west side of Main Street, near corner of said Main Street and public road, acquired from John V. Dartigues March 21, 1843.<sup>3</sup>

The first move to build a church began in 1852. On October 16, 1852, the Reverend Nicolas Francois and the Reverend Paul Guerard purchased jointly from Daniel P. Sparks, on credit

a lot lying above and near to the Town of Franklin having one hundred & thirty feet front on the north side of the public road leading from Franklin to St. Martinsville by a depth of three hundred & thirty five feet, bounded on the east by the lot of Mrs. Pelletier Delahoussaye, on the west by a lane or road to be left open between this lot and that owned by Joseph V. Fourmy, in the rear by land formerly of Henry C. Dwight. Together with all the buildings & improvements on the lot.<sup>4</sup>

This lot would be where the public library building is presently located on Iberia Street. Guerard sold out his interest to Francois on December 5, 1853.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup>COB G page 269 No. 6349.

<sup>4</sup>MOB 16 page 159 No. 8770.

<sup>5</sup>COB I page 600 No. 7591, MOB 17 page 25 No. 9092. Released MOB 17 page 508 No. 10322.

Surprising as it may seem, on April 21, 1855, Reverend Francois sold a slave he owned to Jean Baptiste Meynard.<sup>6</sup> Then on September 24, 1857, Reverend Francois purchased a slave from Evariste Mire.<sup>7</sup>

Finally on June 29, 1860, Reverend Francois sold his lot to Miss Euphemie Fleuret.<sup>8</sup>

The construction did not proceed smoothly, the builders and those involved wound up in litigation.

Andrew E. Kinsela gave a note to Alfred Gates on November 16, 1852, for \$1252.06,

it being for lumber furnished for the building of the Catholic church and also for the house on my lot in the rear of said Church on Second Street.<sup>9</sup>

On April 15, 1854, Alfred Gates filed suit against Kinsela for \$233.61 with interest from May 14, 1853,

for this that said Kinsela purchased from your petitioner lumber wherewith to build a certain Catholic church & dwelling house, situated in the Town of Franklin, the house and lot more fully described in the act of mortgage hereto annexed.<sup>10</sup>

The act of mortgage referred to covered the lot owned by Kinsela

bounded west by First Street, east by half of the same lot owned by S. Freind (sic) north by the Catholic Church lot and south by lot owned by the Baptist Church having a front of eighty feet on First Street with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated except the front part of said building sold to Thomas Maskell.

On May 24, 1853, Alfred Gates transferred to Euphrasy Carlin his claim, worded as follows:

Received Franklin May 24th, 1853 from Euphrasy Carlin sixteen hundred & forty five dollars as follows (viz) one thousand dollars on the 12th of April 1852 and the balance as for above date, it being for lumber furnished by me for the Catholic church in this town and by this I hereby transfer to said E. Carlin all my wright (sic) and privileges on said lumber. ALFRED GATES.<sup>11</sup>

The debt passed into the hands of Peter Pecot, who filed suit February 26, 1858, against Jean V. Dartigues and Pelletier Delahoussaye. He alleged that on May 8, 1856, Euphrasy Carlin transferred his right against the Catholic church in the town of Franklin, being same as transferred

<sup>6</sup>COB K page 197 No. 8011.

<sup>7</sup>COB M page 247 No. 9385, MOB 19 page 780 No. 12244.

<sup>8</sup>COB O page 21 No. 10443, MOB 21 page 295 No. 13229 Released MOB 26 page 456 No. 16692.

<sup>9</sup>MOB 16 page 59 No. 8710.

<sup>10</sup>Suit 4748, District Court.

<sup>11</sup>MOB 16 page 483 No. 8997.

to Carlin May 24, 1853, by Alfred Gates for lumber & other materials furnished Dartigues and Delahoussaye for building the church. Gates claimed \$1645. Consent judgment was rendered April 30, 1858, and writ of seizure was issued. The church was advertised for sale August 7, 1858, but on August 5 Dartigues paid \$2087.45 for judgment, interest, and costs and the writ was returned satisfied.<sup>12</sup>

While all this was transpiring the life of the pastor, Father Paul Guerard, was having other minor troubles. On January 7, 1854, judgment was rendered against him in 7th Ward Magistrate's Court, in favor of John Grimmer. Grimmer had sued for \$83.30 for five months services as organist at the Catholic church in Franklin at rate of \$200 and board per year. He alleged the defendant, curé of the church, employed him in the month of March, 1853, and they terminated agreement by common consent after five months. Judgment was for plaintiff for \$66.66. The defendant appealed to the District Court, which reversed the lower court and gave plaintiff only \$50 and remanded the case for execution.<sup>13</sup>

So, with all these pangs of birth the first Catholic church building was erected and stood in the town of Franklin.

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<sup>12</sup>Suit 5299, District Court.

<sup>13</sup>Suit 4754, District Court.



U. S. Senator  
Robert F.  
Broussard,  
ca. 1918

## Major DeBlanc of the Louisiana Garrison, 1758\*

*translated by Carl A. Brasseaux*

Commandant at the Natchitoches post. This officer came to this colony in 1718 with the rank of captain and had served in that capacity in France for several years in a defunct regiment. He still performs his duties with as much zeal as distinction and detachment; therefore, he has barely enough to live on. He is nearly eighty years old.

## Concert by the Lafayette Concert Band\*\*

It was our good fortune to be present at a Band Concert given by the Lafayette Concert Band under the Baton of Professor Sontag Friday January 25th.

In a well arranged and balanced program of 11 pieces the short hour and a half spent with King, Verdi, Miles, Tewell, Wagner, and Barhouse, one could but forget his troubles and commune with such grand Masters as Verdi and Wagner.

Verdi's *Rigoletto* was rendered beautifully, and Wagner's Thunhauser march, with the blare of trumpets, fairly raised the roof of the auditorium.

King's Serenade, "Autumn Romance," reminded you of the Angels song.

Our friend, Labbe's voice is always so pleasing that comments are unnecessary.

And last, but not least, Barhouse "Evening Idylls" capped the climax of this charming evening of classical music.

Can it be that, with such array of fine musicians and all of them gentlemen too, old St. Martinville with its tradition of Le Petit Paris and its French operas, allowed itself to miss such a musical treat. Surely, its inhabitants were not aware of the existence of such a fine aggregation of tip top musicians, led by such an electrifying conductor.

Ed. Souller

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\*From the General and Annotated List of Officers Maintained in Louisiana, 1758. Paris, France, Archives Nationales, Archives des Colonies, series D 2c, volume 50, folio 58vo.

\*\* From the St. Martinville *Weekly Messenger*, February 2, 1924.



# Footnote to the Acadian Migration: The Prejean Family

*Translated and edited by  
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First-hand accounts of the Acadian migration to Louisiana are almost non-existent. Those that exist are usually the result of a judicial or administrative inquiry. The Prejean account below, recorded by Louis Judice, commandant of the Lafourche de Chetimachas post, was born of one such administrative inquiry, apparently sparked by the increasing activities of French Antilles corsairs along the Louisiana coast. Because of rumored ties between the Prejean family and one such pirate, Governor Esteban Miró ordered authorities in the Lafourche and Attakapas posts—in which members of the Prejean family were then located—to verify these reports in the fall of 1785. Only the testimony of Basile Prejean, a leader of the Acadian community in the Lafourche Basin, remains.

October 16, 1785\*

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the orders with which Your Excellency was pleased to honor me, I have the honor to send you, hereto attached, a detailed list of every land grantee in my district as well as [a list of] those absentee landlords who bought land [here] but did not settle on them and who have not maintained the roads and levees. This [negligence] has always severely hindered settlement in this district. We could establish upon these lands a number of settlers, which would be very advantageous [for this district].

It was not possible for me to respond as quickly as you would have liked to Your Excellency's query regarding Mr. Prejean. All that I can tell you is that it has been twenty years since he arrived in this country with the Acadians. There were four Prejeans, all of whom settled in my district: Amand, Charles, Basil and Joseph Prejean. The last one died ten years ago. Two others have established themselves at Attakapas. The only one remaining here is Basil Prejean. I knew that he had a brother in Europe who went to Martinique, where he became a pirate. After taking numerous prizes, most of the proceeds of which this honest man gave to his crew, on his last sortie, he had the misfortune of encountering two English frigates, which he engaged in a bloody battle. And, wishing to come about to fire a broadside, he was shot dead upon his quarter deck, losing both his life and his fortune. I learned these facts from Basil Prejean whom I am awaiting today for additional details. I shall render Your Grace an account this [interview]. There is every appearance that these are the same Prejeans about whom they have issued reports.

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\*Seville, Spain, Archivo General de Indias, Papeles Procedentes du Cuba, legajo 188-A, folio 8/7; microfilm copy in the Colonial Records Collection, Center for Louisiana Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana.

His Excellency the bishop is due to be here tomorrow. Today I have sent a well equipped boat and six horses to go and get him, pursuant to his request of the fifteenth.

(signed) Louis Judice

P.S. I forgot to tell Your Excellency that Basil Prejean told me that there were many sailors in the city who knew the Prejean of whom I had the honor to send you [the foregoing report] and [page torn].

### **A Mardi Gras Ball at St. Martinville, 1924\***

The fancy dressed and masked ball given here Mardi Gras night, by the Stanley Barras Post No. 71 of the American Legion, in the large new "Gen. Levert Pavillion" on the High School ground, proved a success beyond all expectation, and was declared by the large crowd in attendance one of the prettiest balls of this kind, seen in a long time.

Mr. Elmo [sic] Bonin was selected King of the ball and Miss Inez Bienvenu, Queen, and they both looked in their best and made a lovely and dignified appearance. Mr. James Bonin and Miss Myrtle Souller were Duke and Dutchess [sic], also Mr. Loyd [sic] Olivier and Miss Lou Resweber, and all were lovely and filled their parts well.

Mr. Edward Simon and Mr. Earl Conrad and Misses Mabel Delahoussaye and Blanche Gauthier were the other Dukes and Dutchesses [sic] selected, but death in the families of Miss Delahoussaye and Miss Gauthier prevented their attendance, which was regretted.

The number of fancy dresses and maskers was large, the attendance from all our neighboring towns was also large, and the best spirit and disposition prevailed, which made this ball a big success in every way.

This was the first opening of this "Gen. Levert Gymnasium Pavillion" which is large and beautiful, proved its usefulness for such occasion, as it required this large hall to accommodate this beautiful gathering of the elite of this section.

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\*From the St. Martinville Weekly Messenger, March 8, 1924.

# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS REPORTED IN THE *LAFAYETTE ADVERTISER*, 1869-1889

*compiled by Alvin Y. Bethard*

Marriages announced in the *Lafayette Advertiser*, 1869-1879

Crow, Col. W. C. to Brannin, Mattie, June 6, 1874, page 2, column 4.  
Dubois, Homer to Myre, Natilla, September 6, 1879, page 3, column 5.  
Duhon, Albert to Hebert, Alzina, September 13, 1879, page 3, column 4.  
Falk, Israel to Monnier, Emelle P., September 6, 1873, page \_\_, column \_\_.  
Hankins, J. T. to Hogue, Hannah, December 14, 1878, page 2, column 3.  
Kelley, William to Guldry, \_\_\_\_\_, July 12, 1873, page 2, column 6.  
Landry, Valerian to Broussard, Marie Adonatile, June 21, 1879, page 3, column 4.  
McBride, Cornelius to Guldry, Felecie, December 21, 1878, page 2, column 3.  
Mouton, Alcide to Hopkins, Alice, June 28, 1879, page 2, column 4.  
Mouton, Edgar to McBride, Cornelia, April 11, 1874, page 2, column 4.  
Mouton, Rufus to McBride, Agnes, December 27, 1879, page 2, column 4.  
Neveu, Arthur to Smith, Marie Louise, December 13, 1879, page 3, column 5.  
Vinson, Van B. to Plough, Margaret Johns, April 3, 1869, page 2, column 6.

For the period 1880 to 1889 only the following issues are available: 1882 January 7-July 8 and October 21, 1886, May 15 and December 4, 1887, May 7, October 8, December 3 and December 10, 1888, February 18, 1889 complete except for February 16-March 23, May 4, May 18, July 6, and December 14. Pages are missing from some issues. Compiled from the files in the USL Library by Alvin Y. Bethard.

## **Deaths**

AB \_\_\_\_\_ (remainder of name obliterated) prominent physician of New Iberia April 29, 1882, page 2, column 2.  
Allaine, Mrs. Jean, October 26, 1889, page 5, column 3.  
Belloni, Jules, June 3, 1882, page 2, column 4.  
Bernard, Laure Missionnier (Mrs. Ernest), November 2, 1889, page 5, column 4.  
Berteau, Joseph, daughter of, January 14, 1882, page 2, column 2.  
Bougere, Aristede, April 20, 1889, page 4, column 2.  
Breaux, E. Lucille, July 27, 1889, page 5, column 4.  
Broussard, Alcide, youngest child of, October 12, 1889, page 5, column 4.  
Broussard, Joseph E., March 25, 1882, page 2, column 1 and page 3, column 6.  
Broussard, Norbert, August 31, 1889, page 5, column 4.  
Broussard, Ursin L., May 15, 1886, page 3, column 3.  
Broussard, Zenon J., February 4, 1882, page 2, column 2; page 3, column 5 and page 3, column 6.

- Butcher, Ida, April 20, 1889, page 5, column 4.
- Caffery, J. J., November 16, 1889, page 5, columns 3 and 4.
- Casimire, Eugene, February 18, 1882, page 2, column 1.
- Castille, Raphael, May 13, 1882, page 2, column 2.
- Cimillien, Francoise, January 12, 1889, page 4, column 1.
- Close, Mrs. Francois, October 12, 1889, page 5, column 4.
- Delgarde, Mrs. A. N., June 3, 1882, page 2, column 6.
- Descrant, Daniel, December 1889, page 5, column 2.
- Domengeaux, Beulah, November 16, 1889, page 5, column 2.
- Dupre, Cyprien, June 3, 1882, page 2, column 6.
- Ellis, E. John, April 27, 1889, page 4, column 5.
- Farano, Giovanni, July 13, 1889, page 4, column 1.
- Farrell, Jack or John, April 22, 1882, page 2, column 1; May 13, 1882, page 2, column 2.
- Fleming, Mrs. G. V., January 26, 1889, page 5, column 2.
- Footle, Rev. Father James George, June 8, 1889, page 4, column 1.
- Garriuges, Paul A., June 3, 1882, page 2, column 5.
- Gay, Edward J., June 8, 1889, page 4, column 3.
- Girard, Michel Elol, April 20, 1889, page 5, column 2; May 11, 1889, page 5, column 4.
- Girardey, Camille E., April 27, 1889, page 4, column 2.
- Guilbeau, Maurice, July 13, 1889, page 5, column 3.
- Hall, Henriette Stanley (Mrs. William), January 19, 1889, page 5, column 5 and 2; February 1889, page 5, column 5.
- Haughery, Margaret, February 18, 1882, page 2, column 2.
- Hebert, Thomas, February 18, 1882, page 4, column 1.
- Hohorst, Herman, June 22, 1889, page 5, column 1.
- Howell, Major C. W., April 8, 1882, page 2, column 1.
- Jenkins, Mary, March 18, 1882, page 2, column 1 and March 25, 1882, page 2, column 1.
- Jones, Deborah Henrietta Spencer (Mrs. T. Sambola), January 12, 1889, page 4, column 1.
- Josse, George, June 1, 1889, page 5, column 3.
- Keys, Umea Arceneaux (Mrs. Felix), July 13, 1889, page 4, column 1.
- Lacoste, Lucie Aimee, July 27, 1889, page 5, column 4.
- Landry, Charles, July 8, 1882, page 3, column 5.
- LeBlanc, Lt. L. Edmond, July 27, 1889, page 5, column 4.
- McAlpine, Sheriff of Vernon Parish, October 5, 1889, page 4, column 1.
- McGinnis, Col. N. L., son of, January 5, 1889, page 4, column 5.
- Martel, B. A., October 8, 1887, page 5, column 4.
- Meaux, Mrs. Lessin, April 29, 1882, page 2, column 3.
- Melchior, Mrs. V., May 7, 1887, page 3, columns 1 and 3.
- Millard, Dr. E. M., May 13, 1882, page 2, column 2.
- Miller, Henry, November 9, 1889, page 4, column 2.
- Millier, Mrs. Randolph, April 22, 1882, page 2, column 3.
- Monnier, Auguste, February 22, 1882, page 2, column 1.
- Moss, Claire Thibodaux (Mrs. Joseph H.), June 8, 1889, page 5, column 1.
- Moss, Joseph H., August 24, 1889, page 5, column 6.
- Mouton, Dudley, May 15, 1886, page 3, column 3.
- Nutt, Captain L. M., April 1, 1882, page 2, column 4.
- Pennick, Rev. W. S., daughter of, November 2, 1889, page 4, column 1.
- Poirot, Thomas Edward, June 3, 1882, page 2, columns 5 and 6.

- Poole, A. C., October 5, 1889, page 4, column 1.  
 Prater, Frances A., October 19, 1889, page 5, column 4.  
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 Robertson, Dr. W. A., November 2, 1889, page 4, column 4.  
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 Salles, Dr. H. P., June 3, 1882, page 2, column 6.  
 Salles, Henry Felix, July 13, 1889, page 5, column 2-3.  
 Soula, Emelie Caro (Mrs. John), October 26, 1889, page 5, column 2.  
 Stelly, L. G., two children of, April 20, 1889, page 5, column 4.  
 Thompson, Dr. J. M., February 4, 1882, page 2, column 1.  
 Trainor, James W., February 2, 1889, page 4, column 3 and 9, February 1889, page 4, column 2.  
 Verdin, Jules, January 7, 1882, page 2, column 1.  
 Wharton, Col. John Mason, April 15, 1882, page 2, column 1.  
 White, W. H., May 6, 1882, page 2, column 1.  
 Whittington, Emelina Trahan (Mrs. J. S.), April 1, 1882, page 2, column 5.  
 Williamson, George, February 4, 1882, page 2, column 4.  
 Wood, Michael, son of, March 25, 1882, page 2, column 2.  
 Younger, John J., November 23, 1889, page 5, column 2

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- Beraud, William D. to Edwin, Henrietta B., January 21, 1882, page 2, column 4.  
 Bonnemaison, Dominique to \_\_\_\_\_ (bride's name not given), July 20, 1889, page 4, column 3.  
 Cayret, D. to Bernard, Philomine, May 11, 1883, page 5, column 3.  
 Clegg, Judge John to Gage, Mary, January 7, 1882, page 2, column 2.  
 Close, Antoine to Lafond, Alice, August 3, 1889, page 5, column 1 and August 10, 1889, page 5, column 1.  
 Coussan, J. J. to Smith, Alantine, August 3, 1889, page 5, column 3.  
 Darby, Edmond to Couvillion, Emelie, June 29, 1889, page 5, column 3.  
 Denson, Rev. James E. to Younger, Rowena, October 12, 1889, page 5, column 1.  
 Dutelle, Jules to Trahan, Adolphina, August 3, 1889, page 5, column 3.  
 Gardner, William to Marsh, Eugenia, June 15, 1889, page 5, column 2.  
 Gautreaux, Desire J. to Melancon, Nellie, December 28, 1889, page 5, column 3.  
 Higginbotham, C. C. to Cochrane, Cecilia, December 28, 1889, page 5, column 3.  
 Koch, H. P. to Clark, Eula, December 21, 1889, page 5, column 3 and December 28, 1889, page 5, column 4.  
 Labbe, Theobald J. to Fleming, Corrine M., April 27, 1889, page 5, column 3.  
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 Mayfield, George to Neveu, Bertha, November 16, 1889, page 5, column 2.  
 Miller, P. V. to Rand, Mary T., September 7, 1889, page 5, column 5.  
 Mouton, Julian to Castille, Rosa, December 10, 1887, page 5, column 3.  
 Pettijean, Joseph to Domingue, Fedora, January 5, 1889, page 5, column 4.  
 Welch, G. L. to Lyons, Minerva, November 16, 1889, page 5, column 2-3.  
 Whelan, John J. to Landry, Emma, June 22, 1889, page 5, column 1.

### *Birth Announcement*

A son born to Charles E. Cary and Noelle McDaniel Carey, August 24, 1889, page 5, column 2.

## **Longfellow's Birthday Observed, 1927\***

Mr. John S. Broussard of Breaux Bridge, himself a descendant of the Acadians, will serve as pilot of the air plane which will on the birthday of Longfellow, the poet who immortalized Evangeline and the Teche country, will fly over the State distributing copies of the Governor's proclamation upon the people to assist in, the observance of the day and give support to the Longfellow-Evangeline Memorial Association's park project, which park to be situated at St. Martinville.

Meetings in the interest of the park will be held at the parish seats of Iberia, Lafayette, St. Mary, Vermilion, St. Landry and Lafourche, beginning March 8th and continuing for three days.

Supt. T. H. Harris of the state Board of Education has urged high school principals and parish superintendents to devote an hour on Monday, Feb. 28th, to a commemoration of Longfellow' [sic] Birthday.

"Longfellow has very signally honored our State by laying the scene of one of his most delightful poems in the beautiful Teche section of Louisiana, and suitable exercises using largely selections from Evangeline supplemented with descriptions of the Teche country, would serve to create in the minds of our pupils deep appreciation of this great piece of literature," Mr. Harris suggested.

## **Longfellow Program Given at High School\*\***

An interesting and worthwhile program was rendered at the high school Monday afternoon to celebrate Longfellow's birthday.

The program was very well rendered, and the costumes worn by participants were well planned bringing out the Longfellow idea in fine fashion.

The crowd in attendance, excluding the pupils, was very small. It seems to us that these programs should be advertised more than they are. From information received we gather that hardly anyone knew of the program. In the event that the school authorities should want to give their programs publicity we [the *Weekly Messenger*] will be glad to print same if furnished with the necessary data.

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# LAFAYETTE PARISH SUCCESSIONS 1823-1900

*by Rebecca A. Batiste*

*(continued from vol. XXIII, no. 4)*

SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
945	Broussard, Isidore	April 30, 1862
2167	Broussard, Isidore Edward	Sept. 20, 1899
1426	Broussard, J. D.,	Sept. 17, 1873
268	Broussard, Jean	March 5, 1834
269	Broussard, Jean	April 22, 1834
325	Broussard, Jean Elvis	Jan. 26, 1837
598	Broussard, Jean	June 22, 1848
899	Broussard, Jean	June 7, 1860
279	Broussard, Jean B.	Aug. 7, 1834
77	Broussard, Jean	no date
1567	Broussard, Jean Baptiste	June 5, 1875
221	Broussard, Jean Baptiste F.	Feb. 10, 1832
504	Broussard, Jean Olidon	Nov. 28, 1844
213	Broussard, Jean Pierre	Oct. 13, 1831
601	Broussard, Jean	Aug. 12, 1848
2197	Broussard, Joachim	Dec. 11, 1900
634	Broussard, Joachim	Dec. 29, 1849
856	Broussard, Joseph	no date
433	Broussard, Joseph	no date
1655	Broussard, Joseph E. & Camille	April 12, 1882
1619	Broussard, Joseph Elphedge	Feb. 7, 1881
1607	Broussard, Joseph S.	Nov. 1, 1880
477	Broussard, Joseph T.	no date
573	Broussard, Joseph	no date
970	Broussard, Josephine Warren	Sept. 7, 1863
1212	Broussard, Josephine	March 3, 1869
66	Broussard, Julien William	July 11, 1825
289	Broussard, Leon	Sept. 1834
944	Broussard, Leonard	April 23, 1862
2008	Broussard, Leonard	April 4, 1894
690	Broussard, Lessin	March 29, 1852
1119	Broussard, Louis Jean F. Don	Nov. 26, 1867

SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
533	Broussard, Louise	April 15, 1844
605	Broussard, Marguerite	Nov. 18, 1848
1073	Broussard, Marguerite Azelia	April 4, 1866
1077	Broussard, Marie A. & Morrison	May 1, 1866
108	Broussard, Marie	April 16, 1827
683	Broussard, Marie	Feb. 17, 1852
1582	Broussard, Marie	Oct. 16, 1879
1164	Broussard, Marie	Jan. 29, 1868
1822	Broussard, Marie Adeline	Dec. 1, 1887
905	Broussard, Marie E.	Aug. 1, 1860
725	Broussard, Marie Lise	Sept. 12, 1852
713	Broussard, Marie Louise	July 29, 1853
1183	Broussard, Marie O.	April 16, 1868
1645	Broussard, Marie	Nov. 1, 1881
1855	Broussard, Marie	Feb. 4, 1889
1915	Broussard, Martial	Jan. 24, 1891
364	Broussard, Martin Louis	Feb. 11, 1839
1054	Broussard, Matinia	Feb. 6, 1866
671	Broussard, Maydeline	June 13, 1851
1034	Broussard, Melanie	Jan. 15, 1866
1935	Broussard, Melanie	Feb. 9, 1893
812	Broussard, Neance Simon, Jr.	March 4, 1857
1547	Broussard, Nerez	July 12, 1878
127	Broussard, Olidon	Feb. 22, 1828
1072	Broussard, Olidon	March 7, 1866
1019	Broussard, Olidon Jean	no date
540	Broussard, Onesime & P. F.	Oct. 14, 1846
737	Broussard, Onezime Valery	Feb. 23, 1854
2122	Broussard, Onezime	Jan. 4, 1898
1624	Broussard, Oneziphere	May 30, 1881
540	Broussard, P. F. & Onezime	Oct. 14, 1846
1432	Broussard, Paul Leon	Nov. 21, 1873
612	Broussard, Perpetue	Jan. 25, 1849
1897	Broussard, Pierre	Oct. 15, 1890
840	Broussard, Placie Ervillen	Feb. 12, 1858
1497	Broussard, Rosemond	Nov. 11, 1876
511	Broussard, Theodore	April 22, 1845
614	Broussard, Theon	March 3, 1849
50	Broussard, Theophile	Nov. 30, 1824
1768	Broussard, Ursin	May 10, 1886
1489	Broussard, Ursule Isidore	July 20, 1876
737	Broussard, Valery Onezime	Feb. 23, 1854
1654	Broussard, Zenon J.	Feb. 28, 1882
703	Broussard, Zephirin	Jan. 17, 1853
1173	Broussard, Zulmee	Feb. 29, 1868



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1724	Brown, Joseph	Oct. 20, 1884
2066	Brown, Susan	Jan. 17, 1896
439	Bruce, James	Sept. 2, 1841
235	Bryan, George	Dec. 6, 1832
450	Bryan, John B.	March 3, 1842
255	Buchanan, Benjamin	June 11, 1833
1359	Buhler, John Arthur	Aug. 1, 1872
976	Buissette, Edward	June 22, 1865
754	Butcher, Amos C.	Aug. 28, 1854
1260	Butcher, Isaac R., Sr.	May 2, 1870
906	Butcher, William & Marie	Aug. 18, 1860

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274	Cade, Robert	June 2, 1834
855	Cade, Robert	Oct. 4, 1858
865	Cade, Robert	Dec. 18, 1858
138	Caffery, Jefferson Parkerson	June 8, 1829
983	Caillier, Celanie	Dec. 13, 1864
2133	Caillouet, T. P.	Feb. 21, 1898
81	Caldwell, Ira Estes & Goodman	Jan. 19, 1826
1351	Callaghan, Daniel	Aug. 1, 1872
1360	Callaghan, Daniel	Aug. 1, 1872
338	Campbell, Benajah	Sept. 11, 1837
914	Campbell, George H.	Dec. 20, 1860
538	Campbell, Levi H. & Marie	Oct. 7, 1846
372	Campbell, Martha	Sept. 6, 1838
453	Campbell, Martha	March 26, 1842
561	Campbell, Philander	April 2, 1847
424	Carlin, Alexis	Feb. 25, 1839
1331	Carline, Dennis	Aug. 1, 1872
239	Carmouche, Agerine	Jan. 17, 1833
809	Carmouche, Alexandre	Jan. 17, 1857
1555	Carmouche, Amelaide	Nov. 25, 1878
964	Carmouche, Emilien	Sept. 20, 1860
38	Carmouche, Francois	June 12, 1824
315	Carmouche, Francois	April 13, 1836
783	Carmouche, Helene Ursula	Dec. 12, 1855
1460	Carmouche, Marcelite	July 24, 1875
636	Carmouche, Zuline	Jan. 16, 1850
1983	Caro, Antoine	Aug. 3, 1893
1984	Caro, Emilie	Aug. 3, 1893
1338	Carriere, Louis	Aug. 1, 1872
1931	Carsayo, Marie	Sept. 9, 1891
926	Caruthers, Artemise	June 14, 1861

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		no date
727	Caruthers, cesar	Nov. 11, 1857
832	Caruthrs, Clemence	March 2, 1880
1591	Caruthers, Coralie	Sept. 20, 1826
98	Caruthers, Daira	Nov. 1, 1823
29	Caruthers, David	June 1, 1824
37	Caruthers, David	July 7, 1877
1508	Caruthers, Edgard	Feb. 1887
1859	Caruthers, Eve Anna	July 2, 1877
1509	Caruthers, Ignace Sidney	Sept. 12, 1827
115	Caruthers, James Julian	Oct. 26, 1830
192	Caruthers, James, Sr.	Jan. 18, 1899
2150	Caruthers, Odeide	July 17, 1855
774	Caruthers, Samuel	Aug. 26, 1838
354	Caruthers, Sarah	July 2, 1877
1509	Caruthers, Sidney Ignace	May 29, 1823
7	Caruthers, Thomas	Sept. 23, 1833
259	Caruthers, William	Feb. 15, 1877
1513	Castel, Paul	Aug. 15, 1872
1377	Casteyo, Sebastien	May 26, 1894
2011	Castille, Ada	Nov. 28, 1876
1499	Castille, Louis	June 20, 1895
2046	Cayret, Dominique	Nov. 11, 1893
1987	Cayret, Pauline	April 9, 1858
829	Cesar, Auguste	Nov. 5, 1866
1096	Chaix, Aristide	Sept. 27, 1883
1687	Champagne, Leo Eustache	Sept. 14, 1880
1604	Chapman, Isaac Sattler	Feb. 2, 1892
1945	Chapman, Isaac	Jan. 28, 1882
1584	Chargois, Belzire	March 17, 1834
271	Chargois, Hubert	May 9, 1894
2009	Chargois, Louis	May 24, 1851
668	Chargois, Richard	Feb. 4, 1870
1246	Chargois, Sebastien	Aug. 21, 1849
628	Charrier, Rene	March 16, 1863
956	Chartier, Julien	March 9, 1861
920	Chepperd, Arthemise & Anthony, Sr.	Sept. 14, 1864
979	Chiasson, Aurelien	June 3, 1871
1291	Chiasson, Aymar S.	April 3, 1879
1568	Chiasson, Dupre Elizabeth	Dec. 17, 1852
781	Chiasson, Jean B.	Dec. 2, 1868
1199	Chiasson, Jean	Jan. 26, 1877
1506	Chiasson, Jean Louis Baptiste	Jan. 25, 1866
1057	Chiasson, Joseph	Jan. 5, 1871
1278	Chiasson, Joseph	May 24, 1866
1079	Chiasson, Julie Oneil	

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1613	Chiasson, Louis	Jan. 24, 1881
437	Chiasson, Maria	no date
360	Chiasson, Marie Olive	April 27, 1839
961	Chiasson, Oscar	March 30, 1863
1295	Chiasson, Rhule Portalis	April 19, 1945
1107	Chiasson, Theogene	Feb. 18, 1867
1319	Chichester, Elizabeth	March 19, 1872
390	Choath, John, Sr. & Eugene, Jr.	May 23, 1840
1348	Chote, David	Aug. 1, 1872
1348	Chote, John Thomas	Aug. 1, 1872
825	Cietat, Andre	Oct. 17, 1857
1530	Clark, Abner	July 21, 1877
2158	Clark, Isabella E.	April 29, 1899
847	Clark, Sarah	April 26, 1858
1491	Clavel, Formose	Sept. 5, 1876
2105	Clement, Jean	Jan. 29, 1897
449	Clement, Louis	Feb. 25, 1842
416	Clement, Louis, Sr.	Jan. 8, 1842
2054	Clewes, Thomas	Oct. 14, 1895
1324	Cline, H. G.	July 15, 1872
199	Clomm, Jacques	March 26, 1831
2080	Clotio, Francois	May 14, 1896
1347	Collins, Luke	Aug. 1, 1872
1548	Comeaux, Adelaid	Aug. 19, 1878
916	Comeaux, Anatholie	Feb. 8, 1861
1154	Comeaux, Azele	Jan. 6, 1868
873	Comeaux, Azelle	March 28, 1859
897	Comeaux, Carmelite	April 30, 1860
735	Comeaux, Celeste	Jan. 23, 1854
1155	Comeaux, Celone De	Jan. 6, 1868
612	Comeaux, Charles	Jan. 25, 1849
1977	Comeaux, Charles E.	March 2, 1893
643	Comeaux, Charles V.	April 23, 1850
793	Comeaux, Clarisse	March 19, 1856
1058	Comeaux, Clarisse	Jan. 26, 1866
1234	Comeaux, Dorceli	Nov. 6, 1859
209	Comeaux, Dorothea	Sept. 1, 1831
650	Comeaux, Edouard	Aug. 28, 1850
2072	Comeaux, Elodie	March 25, 1896
585	Comeaux, Eloi	Jan. 17, 1848
965	Comeaux, Esebe Blanchard	June 27, 1863
126	Comeaux, Jean	Feb. 21, 1828
430	Comeaux, Jean	Jan. 7, 1832
569	Comeaux, Jean B.	Sept. 4, 1847
1015	Comeaux, John	Oct. 21, 1865

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1085	Comeaux, Joseph O.	July 24, 1866
1106	Comeaux, Julie	Jan. 24, 1867
2116	Comeaux, Marie	Oct. 28, 1897
913	Comeaux, Marie	Jan. 14, 1861
574	Comeaux, Marie Aurelie	Sept. 26, 1847
505	Comeaux, Marie Carmelite	Nov. 8, 1844
2045	Comeaux, Maurice	June 8, 1895
869	Comeaux, Norbert	Jan. 20, 1859
495	Comeaux, Perpetue	Feb. 13, 1844
1864	Comeaux, Pierre Edvin & Azelie	April 22, 1887
1743	Comeaux, Rosalie	Sept. 28, 1885
1307	Comeaux, Syphroyen	Dec. 13, 1871
1714	Comeaux, Thelismar	May 28, 1884
1481	Comeaux, Theoville	Feb. 25, 1876
1925	Comeaux, Victoria	Feb. 24, 1891
2030	Comeaux, Victoria	Dec. 24, 1894
294	Conn, George I. & Onellion	Aug. 5, 1834
86	Conner, Michael Miller	April 4, 1826
1792	Conques, Justin	Jan. 29, 1887
1812	Constantin, Alex	July 29, 1887
1851	Constantin, Azema	Jan. 19, 1887
1868	Constantin, Eugenie	Sept. 20, 1889
2132	Constantin, Jean	Feb. 28, 1898
1771	Constantin, Mathilde	June 1, 1886
607	Cormier, Adelaide	Oct. 28, 1848
1544	Cormier, Amand	June 22, 1878
2108	Cormier, Arcade	May 10, 1897
1389	Cormier, Azelima	Aug. 15, 1872
1406	Cormier, Azelima	Jan. 7, 1873
557	Cormier, Celeste	Feb. 20, 1847
88	Cormier, Dame Margaret	May 17, 1826
1722	Cormier, Eloi	Sept. 27, 1884
1657	Cormier, Emilien	June 2, 1882
991	Cormier, Eugenie	Sept. 7, 1865
301	Cormier, Francois	April 22, 1835
175	Cormier, Hypolite Ernest	Jan. 4, 1828
1386	Cormier, Jean	Aug. 15, 1872
1193	Cormier, Jean Mayski	June 20, 1868
1274	Cormier, Joseph	Nov. 8, 1872
1909	Cormier, Joseph	Dec. 23, 1890
1652	Cormier, Julie	Jan. 23, 1882
1842	Cormier, Lastie	Nov. 2, 1887
14	Cormier, Louise Savoie	July 21, 1823
88	Cormier, Margaret Dame	May 17, 1826
243	Cormier, Maria	April 30, 1833

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1537	Cornier, Maxile	Jan. 10, 1878
261	Cornier, Michel	Oct. 7, 1833
61	Cornier, Narcisse	May 4, 1825
1612	Cornier, Onezime Numa	Jan. 15, 1881
1844	Cornier, Rosemond	Nov. 2, 1887
2049	Cornier, Ursin	Aug. 17, 1895
211	Cornier, Victoire	Oct. 10, 1831
2134	Costard, Pierre & Marie	Aug. 8, 1898
1126	Couget, Louis	Dec. 9, 1867
1111	Coulourrent, Claude	April 7, 1867
1279	Couret, Louis	Feb. 11, 1870
656	Courtill, Edouard	Sept. 24, 1850
1916	Couirlon, Symphroyen	Jan. 5, 1891
488	Crawford, Mary Harrison	Nov. 9, 1843
1974	Creighton, Emile	Jan. 27, 1893
654	Creighton, Matthew	Sept. 12, 1850
421	Cresci, Emanuel	July 23, 1839
1217	Crosby, Allen, Dr.	March 20, 1869
1583	Crouchet, Ernest Andre	Aug. 14, 1879
1640	Crouchet, Henri	Oct. 6, 1881
1449	Crouchet, Michel	Nov. 18, 1874
1583	Crow, Basil C., Jr.,	Aug. 16, 1879
11	Crow, Richard	June 18, 1823
64	Crow, Richard	June 7, 1825
203	Crow, Richard	April 2, 1831
1583	Crow, William C.	Aug. 16, 1879
208	Cryer, Sarah	Aug. 8, 1831
1692	Cudgers, Julien	Nov. 8, 1883
147	Cuming, Fortesque	Nov. 8, 1828
572	Cummings, Josephine F.	Nov. 7, 1847
84	Cummins, George	March 23, 1826

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1442	Daigle, Francois	April 20, 1874
1962	Daigle, Gaston	Oct. 22, 1892
1962	Daigle, Louis F.	Oct. 22, 1892
1650	Daily, Monroe	Dec. 30, 1881
2120	Daniels, Alexander Valerie	Dec. 21, 1897
1356	Darby, Jonathan	Aug. 1, 1870
139	Dartesse, Jean Pierre Champagne	Aug. 5, 1828
556	Dartesse, Pelagie	Feb. 16, 1847
1973	Dartez, Meance	Jan. 12, 1893
575	Darthes, Marceline	July 19, 1847

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117	Dauterive, Antoine	March 11, 1827
1270	Dauvier, Louis	Sept. 27, 1870
1876	David, Pauline	Dec. 26, 1889
1478	Davis, Pollux	Jan. 19, 1876
717	Daynard, Pierre	Sept. 12, 1853
1845	Debarges, Thomas	Sept. 21, 1888
1750	Deblanc, Armand	Oct. 28, 1885
223	Deblanc, Eulalie	April 2, 1832
418	Deblanc, Louis E. Charlaron	July 22, 1840
336	Deblanc, Louis Eloi	Aug. 28, 1837
2010	Deblanc, Mathilde	May 23, 1894
1749	Deblanc, Mathilde S.	Oct. 28, 1885
1290	DeClouet, Celimene	April 27, 1871
1369	DeClouet, Louis, Marie B.	Aug. 1, 1872
1636	DeClouet, Simon	July 5, 1882
339	Decuir, Zenon	Aug. 21, 1837
2104	Degrui, Dufossar	Jan. 19, 1897
559	DeJean, Eliza	March 22, 1847
902	DeJean, Lodiviska	June 13, 1860
1906	Delahoussaye, Adrien	Dec. 4, 1890
1357	Delahoussaye, Alexandre	April 13, 1849
525	Delahoussaye, Celeste Joseph	July 3, 1846
1357	Delahoussaye, Louis	April 13, 1849
254	Delamain, Pierre	Aug. 11, 1833
620	Delhomme, Antoine	April 13, 1849
1522	Delhomme, Celestine	March 15, 1877
1035	Delhomme, Jules	Jan. 2, 1866
2123	Delhomme, Jules	Jan. 6, 1898
969	Delhomme, Octave	Aug. 29, 1863
314	Deluxe, Joseph	March 25, 1836
1393	Demarete, Louis G.	Aug. 15, 1872
187	Denaulle, Jean	Aug. 2, 1830
1009	Deranor, Michel	Sept. 28, 1865
1488	Deroche, Joseph	June 27, 1876
883	Devalcourt, Theodore	Sept. 10, 1859
1512	Dickerson, Elvina	Feb. 6, 1877
786	Dickerson, Joseph	Jan. 16, 1856
1109	Dickerson, Robert	Feb. 20, 1867
451	Doiron, Ursule	March 17, 1842
1103	Domingue, Carmelite	Jan. 3, 1867
1395	Domingue, Manuel C.	Sept. 16, 1872
1252	Domingue, Marcelite	Feb. 25, 1870
1996	Domingues, Alicia	Jan. 20, 1894
1927	Domingues, Ambroise	June 30, 1891
952	Domingues, Antoine	Nov. 24, 1862

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2023	Domingues, Emmanuel	Sept. 28, 1894
1777	Domingues, Felix Antoine	Sept. 28, 1886
2179	Domingues, Joseph	April 7, 1900
1783	Domingues, Jules	Oct. 16, 1886
1896	Domingues, Marie	Oct. 4, 1890
1780	Domingues, Marie	Nov. 6, 1886
1853	Domingues, Nezida	Jan. 16, 1889
2196	Domingues, Noelle	Dec. 6, 1900
1885	Domingues, Phillip	April 5, 1890
870	Domingues, Pierre	Feb. 21, 1859
988	Domingues, Pierre Antoin	Aug. 26, 1865
2156	Domingues, Vincent	April 19, 1899
551	Dominguez, Jean Nicholas	Dec. 2, 1846
1206	Dominguez, Jean Antoine	Jan. 18, 1869
701	Dominguez, Manuel	Nov. 15, 1852
498	Dominguez, Marguerite	May 11, 1844
775	Dominguez, Vincent	July 15, 1855
1392	Donegan, William Patrick	Aug. 15, 1872
1573	Dore, Celiza	June 28, 1879
1099	Doucet, Anais	Nov. 24, 1866
1321	Doucet, Eliza	April 10, 1872
1952	Doucet, Eloi	April 27, 1892
1992	Doucet, George	Dec. 11, 1893
1951	Doucet, Gerassin	April 26, 1892
1383	Doucet, Hilaire Joseph	Aug. 15, 1872
36	Doucet, Marie Joseph	June 1, 1824
1361	Doucet, Pierre	Aug. 1, 1872
1122	Doucet, Pierre Z.	Dec. 26, 1865
1540	Doucet, Pierre	no date
1236	Drake, John P.	Nov. 12, 1869
21	Dronet, Antoine	Sept. 4, 1823
935	Drouhin, Adolph	Oct. 26, 1861
619	Droz, David & Pierre A.	May 1, 1849
1014	Droz, Jean	June 28, 1866
619	Droz, Pierre A. & David	May 1, 1849
528	Droz, Suzanne M. A.	April 20, 1846
1510	Dubols, Aladin	Jan. 3, 1877
549	Dubois, Marcelin	Nov. 27, 1846
1060	Dubois, Marcelin	Feb. 2, 1866
9	Dubois, Pierre	June 9, 1823
107	Dubois, Ursin	March 1827
602	Dubourg, Aventin Calvin	Sept. 6, 1848
516	Ducharme, Marie E.	July 10, 1845
999	Ducharme, Marie M.	no date
1203	Ducharme, Marie	Jan. 2, 1869

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		July 17, 1872
1326	Duclorise, Henri	Dec. 29, 1873
1436	Duffy, John P.	Nov. 1, 1855
779	Dugas, Annette	March 31, 1860
895	Dugas, Aspasia	Nov. 5, 1900
2189	Dugas, Aurelien	Dec. 10, 1847
582	Dugas, Clementine	Jan. 31, 1866
1059	Dugas, Duplichen	April 5, 1853
714	Dugas, Eloise	Aug. 7, 1847
567	Dugas, Eugenie	July 13, 1875
1463	Dugas, Jean	May 16, 1896
2081	Dugas, Joseph Raoul	Sept. 21, 1865
1006	Dugas, Joseph J.	Dec. 5, 1866
1100	Dugas, Joseph J.	May 24, 1866
1079	Dugas, Julie	Jan. 10, 1859
867	Dugas, Lessin	Sept. 10, 1864
978	Dugas, Louise	Sept. 11, 1875
1464	Dugas, Lucile	May 16, 1896
2083	Dugas, Marie Azalie	Sept. 27, 1858
854	Dugas, Maximilien	Oct. 2, 1896
2095	Dugas, Pierre	May 16, 1896
2081	Dugas, Raoul Joseph	April 11, 1839
363	Dugat, Adisse	Oct. 25, 1840
422	Dugat, Alexandre	Aug. 14, 1824
47	Dugat, Amand	Aug. 31, 1869
423	Dugat, Arthemise	Dec. 31, 1869
1242	Dugat, Azenais	May 13, 1845
512	Dugat, Celeste	Nov. 14, 1843
489	Dugat, Celestine	no date
456	Dugat, Charles Armand	Jan. 22, 1844
491	Dugat, Charles	March 11, 1825
57	Dugat, Elizabeth	April 27, 1836
436	Dugat, Eloi	Sept. 3, 1834
285	Dugat, Eloise	April 26, 1873
1415	Dugat, Eraste	Feb. 4, 1887
1794	Dugat, Eulalie	March 27, 1832
222	Dugat, Jean Amond	Nov. 30, 1885
1793	Dugat, Joachim	Aug. 5, 1826
95	Dugat, Joseph	Dec. 22, 1830
196	Dugat, Joseph	Sept. 30, 1858
853	Dugat, Joseph M.	June 25, 1866
1036	Dugat, Jules	Dec. 29, 1884
1728	Dugat, Leonide	no date
373	Dugat, Louis	Dec. 14, 1857
837	Dugat, Marcelin	March 27, 1846
524	Dugat, Marie	

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Ellen McFadden Matthews  
1890-1972

Lydia Matthews  
1876-1946

Otis Matthews  
1882-1965

Roland Matthews  
1884-1974

Annette Mauldin  
wife of Jesse Taylor  
1871-1923

Joseph R. Melancon  
1881-1957

Theresa Ann Humble Melancon  
1891-1972

Annie Pape Mendel  
April 22, 1881-May 14, 1940

Hugo S. Mendel  
Nov. 6, 1877-March 4, 1968

Frank T. Meriwether  
July 13, 1925  
Aug. 3, 1975

Rosa Maria M. Metscher  
wife of  
Sylvester E. Yandle  
May 5, 1826  
July 3, 1952

Arthur Rogers Mielly  
Born March 22, 1894  
Managua Nicaragua  
Died Aug. 20, 1974  
Houston, Texas

Henry Vincent Mielly  
Nov. 4, 1865-Oct. 23, 1953

Nora Kee Gastineau Mielly  
born Aug. 26, 1898  
died June 6, 1950

Helen Louise Milburn  
wife of  
Hyder K. Davidson  
Sept. 9, 1898  
Sept. 12, 1941

Albert D. Miller  
1904-1974

Alfred C. Miller, Sr.  
Sept. 16, 1894-Aug. 11, 1980

Bernard Miller  
 Sept. 15, 1849-Aug. 29, 1905  
 Gone but not forgotten  
 Lafayette Lodge  
 Member No. 3194. K. H.

Mrs. Bernard Miller  
 Née claudine Beadle  
 April 1, 1855-Oct. 8, 1915

Evelyn Darby Miller  
 Feb. 11, 1880  
 March 14, 1964

Helen Hoffpauir Miller  
 Jan. 7, 1902  
 June 8, 1960

J. B. Miller  
 July 16, 1877  
 Sept. 28, 1943

Mrs. J. B. Miller  
 Oct. 21, 1880 (no death date)

Leila Ann Miller  
 wife of  
 Ed. Prudhomme  
 1882-1931

Lucille D. Miller  
 July 19, 1899-

Martin Luther Miller  
 Oct. 13, 1891-Nov. 4, 1965

Marie C. Mills  
 1894-1941

William P. Mills  
 1887-1941

Lenore Mitchell  
 widow of  
 Charles M. Parkerson  
 Sept. 5, 1874  
 Feb. 10, 1962

T. L. Mitchell  
 Born March 28, 1872  
 Died July 16, 1945

Mrs. T. L. Mitchell  
 Born March 21, 1881  
 Died April 14, 1938

Josephine Latta Monies  
 Nov. 11, 1881-Oct. 30, 1934

Marcelino Monies  
 Aug. 11, 1880-March 14, 1935

Robert J. Monies  
 1904-1926

Lou W. Monk  
 May 20, 1878  
 May 31, 1948  
 wife of Charles W. Monk

Alvin C. Montgomery  
 May 25, 1904-

Charles Adrien Montgomery  
 born on Loudan Plantation  
 Dec. 25, 1880  
 son of

Samuel James Montgomery  
 and Anastasie Breaux  
 died April 3, 1951

Charles Thaddeus Montgomery, II  
 Nov. 10, 1892  
 Sept. 23, 1958

Elisabeth Denbo Montgomery  
 Born Sept. 21, 1897

Flossie S. Montgomery  
 Jan. 20, 1890  
 June 20, 1969

James Montgomery  
 1878-1957

Marvil Montgomery  
 wife of  
 J. H. DiCarlo  
 March 20, 1902-May 20, 1960

Pauline C. Montgomery  
 April 28, 1906-Jan. 3, 1982

R. D. Montgomery  
 born 1869-died 1943

Mrs. R. D. Montgomery  
Born 1871-Died 1941

Samuel James Montgomery  
born in Paris, Kentucky  
March 29, 1829  
died Jan. 23, 1909

William A. Montgomery  
April 22, 1882  
March 2, 1949

Infant son of  
Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Morgan, Sr.

Alexander A. Morgan  
Sept. 24, 1851  
April 14, 1928

Arthur P. Morgan  
April 2, 1888  
March 9, 1964

B. W. Morgan  
Nov. 30, 1912  
Aug. 20, 1967

In Loving Memory of My Father

Eliza Quintilla Morgan  
wife of  
John Adam Anders  
Aug. 10, 1889  
Feb. 19, 1980

Lily Grace Roy Morgan  
March 25, 1891  
Dec. 20, 1971

Robert Archibald Morgan  
infant son of Mr. & Mrs.  
Archibald Alexander Morgan, Jr.  
May 22, 1908  
April 23, 1909

Mother  
Rose V. Morgan  
July 3, 1898  
July 28, 1969

Roy O. Morgan  
Aug. 1, 1910-Aug. 29, 1944

S. G. Morgan  
Co. K.  
7 La. Inf.  
CSA

March 10, 1841-June 12, 1930

Sidney Landry Morgan  
July 26, 1884  
April 23, 1974

Thomas O. Morgan  
Louisiana  
Cpl Co C 6 Regt. Inf.  
March 16, 1878-Jan. 25, 1962

W. H. Morgan  
May 18, 1879  
Aug. 10, 1883

Irene Gerac Morin  
March 13, 1910  
Sept. 24, 1963

Eppie Moss  
Born June 30, 1895  
Died Jan. 15, 1931  
Daug. of Dr. N. P. Moss  
and Annie Lee Parkerson

Mrs. F. Adam Mouton  
Née Julia Jordan  
Sept. 6, 1890-Aug. 9, 1939

Elizabeth Mudd  
Sept. 11, 1877  
May 10, 1903

Margaret C. Murtagh  
1838-Jan. 5, 1909

Ernest F. Must  
U. S. Air Force  
World War II  
Oct. 6, 1917-Feb. 16, 1975

To the Memory of  
Annie W.  
wife of  
Dr. H. M. Neblett  
Oct. 19, 1836  
Nov. 15, 1902

- H. M. Neblett  
born  
Petersburg, Va.  
June 21, 1838  
Jan. 3, 1905
- Dorothy Josephine Neef  
Dec. 25, 1903  
Nov. 16, 1963
- James Granville Neef  
Dec. 31, 1892  
July 24, 1968
- Mrs. Charles W. Newmann  
Née Alice Arling  
March 21, 1895  
March 28, 1974
- Charles W. Neumann  
Jan. 22, 1887  
July 19, 1961
- Otis A. Newport  
July 26, 1905  
April 25, 1952
- Majorie Beadle Nezat  
April 8, 1942-July 16, 1963
- Pauline M. Nichols  
1902-1966
- W. T. Nickel  
Dec. 6, 1860-Dec. 10, 1944
- Mrs. W. T. Nickel  
Dec. 1, 1869  
Feb. 27, 1960
- John Nickerson  
April 4, 1826 New York  
Dec. 5, 1907 Lafayette, La.
- Lorne Denver Nickerson  
Simco Ontario Canada  
Dec. 15, 1882  
Lafayette, La.  
Aug. 30, 1936
- Nell Ellett Nickerson  
Sept. 1, 1885  
Oct. 24, 1971
- Annie Sample Nolan  
Oct. 21, 1877  
Jan. 15, 1976
- Arthur Byron Nolan  
March 15, 1869  
Dec. 8, 1958
- James A. Nolan  
Aug. 22, 1898  
Sept. 22, 1972
- Mamie Estelle Nolan  
Nov. 30, 1905  
April 23, 1975
- M. W. (Norouth?)  
1868-1943
- John Edwin Nusz  
1st Lt. 39 Engineers  
World War I  
Nov. 7, 1878-Sept. 26, 1961
- Father  
Clarence D. O'Bryan  
March 17, 1856  
Sept. 18, 1920
- Mother  
Dora Elizabeth O'Bryan  
Née Nourse  
Nov. 23, 1860  
Nov. 1, 1910
- Nettie Irene O'Bryan  
wife of Thos. B. Hopkins  
Jan. 4, 1898  
Sept. 5, 1962
- Patrick T. O'Dougherty  
Jan. 7, 1944-Sept. 27, 1950  
Son of Mrs. C. Monies O'Dougherty
- Baby Olivier  
Jan. 24-25, 1962
- Joseph Raoul Olivier, D. D. S.  
1875-1941
- Lou Rodolph Olivier, D. D. S.  
1905-1939

Rita Young Olivier  
1884-1956

Robert Mouton Olivier, D. D. S.  
1932-1971

Samuel Rutherford Olliphant, M. D.  
1855-1921

A. E. Otis  
1862-1934

Annie Lee Parkerson  
wife of  
Dr. Nathaniel P. Moss  
Born Dec. 17, 1862  
April 24, 1928

Charles Lee Parkerson  
Feb. 17, 1898  
March 22, 1963

Charles Magill Parkerson  
Feb. 26, 1873-Oct. 19, 1940

Elizabeth Parkerson  
wife of  
Donaldson Caffery  
Dec. 8, 1869  
Nov. 12, 1949

Eppie L. Parkerson  
Widow of  
Wallace C. Mills  
Born Nov. 18, 1860  
Died July 10, 1950

Jadye Parkerson  
November  
1937 1937

James Drehr Parkerson  
Feb. 16, 1900-Nov. 7, 1978

James Godfrey Parkerson, Jr.  
Born in Franklin, La.  
July 15, 1858  
Died in Lafayette, La.  
Sept. 4, 1913

James Godfrey Parkerson  
Born in Franklin, La.  
Oct. 22, 1830  
Died in Lafayette, La.  
Nov. 5, 1913

Mary C. Parkerson  
wife of  
Charles D. Caffery  
Aug. 25, 1859-Aug. 1, 1924

Samuel Randlett Parkerson  
May 17, 1866-Feb. 26, 1946

Thomas B. Parkerson  
April 12, 1902-Oct. 28, 1951

Edward S. Parnell  
1876-1937

Mrs. E. S. Parnell  
Née Betty Hightower  
1878-1954

I. C. Patin  
1857-1948

Gloria Patricia Patton  
1944

Joseph Alfred Patton  
1899-1946

Zeek Patton  
1980

Ophelia Pelham  
wife of  
G. M. Parrish  
1851-1931

Emory Perry  
Sept. 25, 1861  
Feb. 4, 1940

Geneva F. Perry  
June 9, 1892  
Jan. 8, 1962

Herbert S. Perry  
Dec. 19, 1884  
Aug. 29, 1940

Margaret Staubers Perry  
June 5, 1864  
Oct. 6, 1948

Mrs. H. H. Pharr  
Née Frances Elizabeth Saxon  
1844-1932

Miss Henrietta C. Pharr  
Sept. 23, 1881-July 25, 1972

Mary Theresa Pharr  
Sept. 1875-Feb. 14, 1959

Clarence A. Phillips  
Louisiana  
Sgt. 1453 SVC Comd. Unit  
World War II  
Aug. 18, 1908-Nov. 13, 1966

Hubert L. Phillips  
1877-1953  
Eleonora M. Phillips  
1877-1968

Irene B. Phillips  
Oct. 1, 1908-

Mary Phillips  
Wife of  
Armas Durio  
1881-1959

Moody E. Phillips  
U. S. Army  
Dec. 14, 1910-Dec. 17, 1976

Mrs. Arleaze Faulk Phillips  
Wife of  
Seward Phillips  
April 18, 1885-July 7, 1964

Seward Phillips  
1880-1942  
at Rest

Walter S. Phillips  
Jan. 3, 1883-Feb. 17, 1962

Mrs. Walter S. Phillips, Sr.  
Née Amaus N. Duplantis  
Dec. 8, 1888-Nov. 10, 1953

Grammie  
Mrs. Edward Pickens  
1870-1946

Ralph J. Poche  
Sept. 30, 1880  
July 9, 1955

Henry C. Poimboeuf  
Sept. 30, 1889-Aug. 17, 1953

Louise Poimboeuf  
wife of  
Frank Wilkens  
1889-1931

Mrs. Florence B. Ramsey  
wife of  
John Lewis Kennedy  
born Oct. 30, 1874  
died May 2, 1951

John Wesley Ramsey  
1840-1922

Joseph L. Ramsey  
Born in Morgantown, West Va.  
Nov. 7, 1847  
Died in Lafayette, La.  
Sept. 29, 1904

Mathilde F[ritz] Rand  
Nov. 12, 1887  
Feb. 25, 1973

Hieda Elizabeth Randolph  
wife of J. Blaine Cotter  
Dec. 14, 1900-Jan. 22, 1930

Ella Ransom  
wife of  
Marcellin LeBrun  
July 10, 1854  
Dec. 14, 1926

Mary Elizabeth Ransom  
Jan. 11, 1860  
March 22, 1936

- Elizabeth Ransome  
wife of  
John Nickerson  
June 29, 1841 Simcoe Ontario  
July 14, 1906 Lafayette, La.
- Ernest G. Rauchenberg  
Dec. 28, 1902  
Oct. 7, 1963
- Nancy Jane Read  
daughter of  
Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Read  
born Nov. 24, 1927  
died Nov. 25, 1927
- Mary Lavinia Redding  
wife of W. B. Torian  
1844-1931
- Linus W. Reeves  
Louisiana  
Pvt 20 Engineers  
World War I  
March 27, 1890-Nov. 7, 1949
- Mary C. Reeves  
April 11, 1900  
April 18, 1979
- Fred H. Rhymes  
Oct. 19, 1913  
Dec. 3, 1979
- Inez B. Rhynes  
Dec. 11, 1916  
(no death date given)
- Lilly B. Richard  
1895-1981
- Robert Richard  
Jan. 24, 1873  
April 12, 1936
- Mrs. Robert Richard  
Née Aurora Lacour  
Nov. 30, 1876  
Oct. 8, 1962
- Velma K. Richard  
June 17, 1897-
- William J. Richard  
Sept. 10, 1894-Dec. 15, 1982
- Elizabeth Richardson  
wife of  
Lunel Hyder A. Kennedy  
Nov. 27, 1849  
June 12, 1931
- Martha Gertz Richter  
Sept. 25, 1869  
Sept. 9, 1960
- Paul Richter  
Oct. 6, 1864  
May 20, 1950
- Robert Richter  
Louisiana  
PFC Sup. Co. 143 Inf. 36 Div.  
World War I  
Feb. 1, 1895-Aug. 24, 1972
- Mrs. Robert H. Richter  
Née Lucy Sachse  
Born April 3, 1893  
Died June 20, 1973
- Almer D. Riley  
1898-1946
- Sarah Riordan  
wife of  
Rev. John O'Quin  
born Nov. 11, 1836  
died June 5, 1901
- John Roberts  
1862-1948
- Robert R. Robertson  
born at  
Tondulac, Wis.  
Jan. 23, 1857  
died at Lafayette, La.  
March 16, 1898
- Mrs. Albert Robichaux  
Née Maggie B. Williams  
1887-1963
- Allen A (Buster) Robichaux  
June 20, 1909  
April 2, 1936

Allen J. Robichaux  
Louisiana  
Pvt Stu Army, Tng. Corps  
World War I  
Feb. 10, 1900-Nov. 6, 1969

J. Albert Robichaux  
Dec. 11, 1877  
Nov. 19, 1951

Edna Sprole Robinson  
July 28, 1879  
Aug. 12, 1963

H. K. Robinson  
1850-1908

J. Warren Rodgers  
La.  
AVN Cadet Army Air Forces  
World War II  
Nov. 26, 1922-Oct. 5, 1971

Jefferson Thomas Rogers, Sr.  
1900-1963

Mattie Clements Rogers  
1875-1952

Thomas Jefferson Rogers  
1869-1940

Willie F. Rogers  
Louisiana  
Wagoner 162 Inf. 41 Div.  
World War I  
Nov. 9, 1892-May 8, 1953

Andrew L. Romagosa  
Louisiana  
R. V. U. S. N. R.  
World War II  
June 18, 1900-July 8, 1962

Bertha Graser  
Romagosa  
July 4, 1905  
March 4, 1977

Louis Romagosa  
Co. G.  
18 La. Inf.  
C. S. A.

Caleb A. Rooker  
Co. E.  
1 Tenn. Inf.  
Sp. Am. War  
July 14, 1875-Feb. 20, 1933  
Another link is broken in our beloved  
band; A golden chain is forming.

Daniel Rosenzweig  
April 1, 1877  
Aug. 4, 1974

Lilly Mary Wise Rosenzweig  
July 11, 1881  
June 9, 1978

Anais Roy  
(Mrs. A. L. Dyer)  
Jan. 27, 1858-Oct. 2, 1917

Royall  
1924-1925

James McM Ruger  
June 26, 1896  
Feb. 18, 1931

Nicholas Penn Ruger  
Sept. 7, 1903  
Sept. 29, 1960

Chester Lawrence Rush  
Aug. 19, 1906  
Feb. 5, 1963

Morris Benton Rush  
June 1, 1933  
Nov. 12, 1945

Mary E. Rushing  
wife of  
T. Moore Biossat  
April 28, 1869-Aug. 20, 1905

Sleep in Jesus  
Miss Elsa Sachse  
Aug. 17, 1888  
March 23, 1962



Sleep in Jesus  
Tina Sachse  
Nov. 12, 1879  
March 14, 1951

Herbert C. Salisburg  
1861-1944

Infant Daughter of  
Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Sammons  
Oct. 26, 1921

Horace Madison Sammons  
March 25, 1887-Jan. 21, 1955

Mogie E. Sammons  
May 30, 1885-May 9, 1881

Clara Belle Giraud Satterfield  
May 7, 1901-May 25, 1974

Eva Erwin Satterfield  
1865-1948

Isaiah Satterfield  
1862-1935

James Lawrence Satterfield  
Feb. 23, 1900-Nov. 8, 1964

Theodore Irwin Satterfield  
Louisiana  
Sgt. 1 Cl Air Service  
July 5, 1893  
Nov. 12, 1922  
His Memory Be Blessed

Maxwell E. Saucier  
1910-1931

Dr. Merrick E. Saucier  
1882-1930

Mrs. Merrick E. Saucier  
Née Florence Hasson  
1884-1980

Albert W. Schaeffler  
April 30, 1874  
Jan. 23, 1947

Ruth Schaeffler  
wife of R. W. "Bill" Williamson  
May 21, 1904  
Oct. 28, 1978

Majorie Mary Bond Schmidt  
1872-1952

Theodore W. Schmidt  
1872-1942

Alfred Schoeffler  
1890-1968

Irma B. Nason Schoeffler  
April 30, 1898  
Jan. 15, 1925

Melanie W. Schoeffler  
1888-1968

Alzia F. Schroggs  
Feb. 19, 1884  
Mar. 7, 1943

Arnold Scroggs  
Louisiana  
Tec. 5, 169 Inf.  
Jan. 29, 1910-May 12, 1946  
Purple Heart

John Alden Seaburg  
Jan. 16, 1876-Feb. 25, 1953

Lorna Sellers  
wife of  
W. N. Pressley  
1914-1946

Mrs. Jules Servat  
1860-1941

Marine Corps  
Ulysse Servat  
Died in the service of his country  
Sept. 27, 1918

Peter Anold Seybold  
Jan. 9, 1903  
June 11, 1974

Elece Shackford  
Nov. 12, 1893  
Sept. 19, 1947

Besse Hopkins Shaw  
Feb. 5, 1905  
Sept. 9, 1949

Clifton R. Shaw  
Dec. 19, 1896  
Mar. 28, 1977

Essie M. Sherman  
May 5, 1902  
May 12, 1979

Leonard E. Sherman  
Dec. 27, 1901-Nov. 12, 1952

Harvey Lawson Shipman  
Oct. 27, 1904  
Sept. 25, 1960  
Sadly missed by Inez and Ben

Charles N. Short  
Feb. 5, 1884  
Jan. 28, 1954

Mrs. Charles N. Short  
Oct. 10, 1883  
Dec. 6, 1968

Ellender I. Shows  
July 21, 1852  
Sept. 11, 1935

George Coy Shows  
Jan. 27, 1885  
Sept. 29, 1971

Mae McClelland Shows  
Nov. 29, 1889  
Jan. 8, 1969

William J. Shows  
Dec. 14, 1848  
May 6, 1918

Eva Roberson Siadous  
June 24, 1880  
Oct. 10, 1954

Louis Earle Siadous  
June 30, 1910  
July 28, 1928

Louis Ferdinand Siadous  
Jan. 6, 1886-Mar. 10, 1959

Sidney Ferdinand Siadous  
Sept. 5, 1913  
Sept. 14, 1979

Harold A. Simms, Jr.  
Jan. 2, 1909  
June 18, 1957

Mrs. Harold A. Simms  
Née Florence Belle Jones  
1875-1970

Sanford C. Simms  
Feb. 14, 1902  
May 8, 1902  
Aged 2 mos. 21 days

Albert Simon  
March 10, 1894  
March 14, 1970

Louisiana Simpon  
Sept. 29, 1859  
Jan. 2, 1861

Samuel Simpon  
July 15, 1861  
Jan. 13, 1863

Samuel F. Simpson  
Dec. 26, 1825  
Feb. 18, 1896  
He has gone to the mansion of rest  
With Christ in Heaven  
Beloved one Farewell

Harold Alfred Sims  
1869-1945

Viola Sisk  
wife of  
Ralph A. Garnett  
1897-1949

June M. Slaydon  
Oct. 19, 1944  
Jan. 8, 1973

# THE TRAHAN FAMILY

by Betty Pourciaux

[Editor's note: Trahan family genealogies have appeared in recent editions of the *Attakapas Gazette*. These genealogies traced specific branches of the family. The present genealogy, on the other hand, is comprehensive in scope, attempting to trace all branches of the Trahan family presently represented in Louisiana. As with all genealogies, the present genealogy will undoubtedly be flawed by unintentional omissions and oversights. In the hope of making this genealogical study as comprehensive as possible, Mrs. Pourciaux has asked the readership of the *Attakapas Gazette* to identify any individuals omitted from the present genealogy. These persons will be listed in an addendum to be published at the end of the Trahan genealogy series. Please direct your correspondence by Mrs. Betty Pourciaux, Attakapas Historical Association, P.O. Box 43010, USL, Lafayette, LA 70504.]

## *First Generation*

### *Children of Nicolas Trahan and Renée Desloges*

Nicolas Trahan and Renée Desloges, of the Parish of Montreuil—Bellay, Maine-et-Loire, France, were the parents of the following children:

1. Anne—baptized 4 February 1605 (St. Pierre Parish Register, Montreuil-Bellay, Maine-et-Loire, France). She was married to Pierre Mollay.
2. Guillaume—born 1611, Married Françoise Charbonneau. He married a second time in 1665 to Madeleine Brun, daughter of Vincent Brun and Marie Brot.
3. François—married in 1632 to Renée Pinsonneau
4. Renée—baptized 28 February 1612.
5. Lucrece—baptized 14 November 1614.

## *Second Generation*

### *Children of Guillaume Trahan and Madeleine Brun*

Guillaume Trahan, born 1611, France, son of Nicolas Trahan and Renée Desloges, was married to Françoise Charbonneau. They were the parents of one daughter:

1. Jeanne Trahan—born ca. 1631, married to Jacob Bourgeois, surgeon.

Guillaume Trahan was married a second time in 1665 to Madeleine Brun, ( b. 1645 Martalze, France), daughter of Vincent Brun and Marie Brot. *Guillaume died in 1682.* Madeleine married a second time in 1684 to Pierre Touin d<sup>re</sup> Lariver.

Children of Guillaume Trahan and Madeleine Brun:

1. Guillaume—born 1667, married in 1686 to Jacqueline Benoit, daughter of Martin Benoit and Marie Chaussegros.
2. Alexandre—born 1670, married in 1689 to Marie Pellerin, daughter of Jacques Pellerin and Marie Codbec.
3. Jean Charles—born 1671, married in 1694 to Marie Boudrot, daughter of Michel Boudrot and Michelle Aucoin.

4. Marie—born 1672, married in 1693 to Jean Jacques Doiron, widower of Marianne Canol, son of Jean Doiron and Anne Josephe Breaux.
5. Jeanne—born 1674, married in 1692 to Pierre Vincent, son of Pierre Vincent and Anne Gaudet.
6. Madeleine—born 1677, married in 1693, Port Royal, to Jacques Leger (b. 1663), a drummer soldier who came to Port Royal from France. Madeleine died in 1742.

### *Third Generation*

#### *Children of Guillaume Trahan and Jacqueline Benoit*

Guillaume Trahan, son of Guillaume Trahan and Madeleine Brun, was born ca. 1667, married Jacqueline Benoit, daughter of Martin Benoit and Marie Chaussegros, ca.1686. They are recorded in the 1693 census of Les Mines with two daughters; in 1700 at the Riviere Sainte Croix (district of Les Mines) with two sons and one daughter; in 1703 at Les Mines with one son and one daughter; in 1707 at Les Mines with four sons under 14, and one daughter under 12; in 1714 at Pisiguit River with six sons and one daughter. Guillaume died in 1755. Jacqueline died in 1755 in Virginia.

Children of Guillaume and Jacqueline:

1. Marguerite—born ca. 1687 (1693 census).
2. Anne—born 1690, married at St. Gabriel on 23 May 1712, to Antoine Prince, son of Jacques Prince and Marguerite Hebert.
3. Angélique—born 1692 (1693 census).
4. Pierre—born 1696 (GABI, Bangor-XIII), married 1716 to Madeleine Comeaux.
5. Jean—born 1698, married 1723 to Charlotte Comeaux.
6. Joseph—born 1701, married 5 November 1731 to Marie Blanchard, daughter of René Blanchard and Anne Landry.
7. François—born 1702, married Angélique Melancon. François died in 1756, Liverpool England. Angélique died in 1757 at Liverpool, England.
8. Charles—born 1703, married 8 October 1725 at St. Gabriel to Anne-Marie Hebert, daughter of Etienne Hebert and Jeanne Comeau. Charles married a second time in 1758 at Falmouth, England to Françoise Theriot, daughter of Claude Theriot and Agnes Aucoin.
9. Marie—born 1706, married to Honore LeBlanc (b.1710) at Pisiguit. Marie died at Liverpool, England in 1763 (GABI, Bangor-1).
10. Marie Joseph—born 8 May 1711 at St. Gabriel.

### *Fourth Generation*

#### *Children of Pierre Trahan and Madeline Comeaux*

Pierre Trahan, son of Guillaume Trahan and Jacqueline Benoit, born 1696, married 30 September 1716 at Pisiguit to Madeleine Comeau (b. 1697, Port Royal ), daughter of Jean Comeau and Françoise Hebert. Pierre died 1772 at Bordrehouse, Belle Isle en mere at his son Joachim's home.

Children of Pierre and Madeleine Comeaux:

1. Bruno—born 1719, married 1740 at Pisiguit to Marguerite Landry, daughter of Pierre Landry and Marguerite Forest.

2. Marie Josephe—born 1721, married Philip Melancon, son of Philip Melancon and Catherine Dugas.

3. Pierre—born June 1723 (SGA), married in 1747 to Marguerite LeBlanc, daughter of Jean LeBlanc and Anne Bourgeois. Marguerite died 1756. Pierre married a second time in 1759 to Elizabeth Darois (died 1759). Pierre married a third time on 12 May 1760 to Madeleine Vincent, widow Duon. Pierre married a fourth time on 18 February 1783 to Marie Clemenceau.

4. Madeleine—born 1725, married Alexis Breaux.

5. Charles—born 1726, married in 1748 to Bridgette Landry. Charles married a second time to Marguerite Thibodeaux.

6. Anne—born 1727, married Bridget Landry, son of Pierre Landry and Marguerite Forest.

7. François Casteigne—born 1728.

8. Marguerite—born 1731, married 2 August 1750 to Joseph LeBlanc at Grande Pre. She died at Liverpool, England in 1757.

9. Joachim—born 1735, married 1754 to Marguerite Landry, daughter of Germain Landry and Anne LeBlanc. Joachim married a second time on 14 October 1759 at Liverpool, England, to Marie Duhon, daughter of Jean Baptiste Duhon and Madeleine Vincent.

#### *Children of Jean Trahan and Charlotte Comeaux*

Jean Trahan, son of Guillaume Trahan and Jacqueline Benoit, was born ca. 1698, married 1723 to Charlotte Comeau, daughter of Jean Comeaux and Françoise Hebert

Children of Jean Trahan and Charlotte Comeau:

1. Sylvestre—born 1724, Pisiquid, married 1747 to Ursule Darois, daughter of Jerome Darois and Marie Gareau. Sylvestre married a second time on 16 June 1777 to Françoise Martin, daughter of Michel Martin and Madeleine Girouard.

2. Blaise—born 1726, Pisiquid, married in 1755, at Mines to Magdeleine Boudrot, daughter of Joseph Boudrot and Anne LeBlanc.

3. Marguerite—born 1728, married 1750 to Germain Boudrot, son of François Boudrot and Angelique Babin. Marguerite died in 1757 at Bristol, England.

4. Françoise—born 1731 at Pisiquid. She died at Bristol, England.

5. Simon—born in November 1740 at Pisiquid. He married on 18 June 1765 at Morlaix, France to Catherine Josette Richard, daughter of Pierre Richard and Josette Le Blanc.

6. Agnes—born 1744, married 1760, Bristol, England, to Jean Charles Boudrot, son of François and Angelique Babin.

#### *Children of Joseph Trahan and Marie Blanchard*

Joseph Trahan, born 1701, son of Guillaume Trahan and Jacqueline Benoit, married 5 November 1731 to Marie Blanchard, daughter of Rene Blanchard and Anne Landry. Both Joseph and Marie died in 1756.

Children of Joseph Trahan and Marie Blanchard :

1. Joseph—born 1733, married 1757 to Anne Granger, daughter of François Granger and Anne Landry.

2. Simon Pierre—born 1735, married 1758 to Marie Josephe Granger, daughter of François Granger and Anne Landry.

3. Chrysostome—born 1735, married 1763 to Anne Granger, daughter of Jean Baptiste Granger and Madeleine Landry.

4. Aimee (Anne)—born 1745.

5. Paul—born 1741, married 1786 to Marie Arsenault, daughter of Jean Arsenault and Madeleine Boudrot.

*Children of François Trahan and Angélique Melançon*

François Trahan, born 1702, son of Guillaume Trahan and Jacqueline Benoit, married 1728 to Angélique Melançon, daughter of Philip Melançon and Marie Dugas. François died in 1756 at Liverpool, England. Angélique died there in 1757.

Children of François Trahan and Angélique Melançon:

1. Marie—born 1731, married April 1758, Liverpool, England to Gabriel Moreau.
2. Louis Athanase—born 1734, married 17 December 1756 to Marguerite LeBlanc.
3. Paulicorpe—born 1743.
4. Ange Marin—born 1745.
5. Cecile Pelagie —born 1749.
6. Phillipe—born 24 June 1751.

*Fifth Generation*

*Children of Joachim Trahan and Marguerite Landry*

Joachim Trahan, born 25 March 1735, son of Pierre Trahan and Madeleine Comeau, married at Grande Pre in 1754 to Marguerite Landry, daughter of Germain Landry and Anne LeBlanc.

Child of Joachim Trahan and Marguerite Landry:

1. Marie Blanche—born 29 September 1755 at Pisiguit, married 16 November 1784 to Germain Caillé.

*Children of Joachim Trahan and Marie Magdaleine Duhon*

Joachim Trahan, was married a second time 14 October 1759, Liverpool, England to Marie Magdaleine Duhon, (born 1737), daughter of Jean Baptiste Duhon and Madeleine Vincent. Marie Magdaleine died on 5 April 1785 (48 years) St. Martin de Chantenay. Joachim arrived in Louisiana on 9 September 1785.

Children of Joachim Trahan and Marie Magdaleine Duhon:

1. Joseph—born 1760, Liverpool, England, married 1783 Locmaria, Canada to Marie Françoise Thomas, daughter of Dame L'Hermite de Kerdonis.
2. Simon—born 1762, Liverpool, England, married Marie Jeanne Droual, daughter of Michel Drouel and Marie Michelle Gallen.
3. Anne Perinne—born 1764, Morlaix, France.
4. Cecile-Pauline—born 1766.
5. Auguste François (Augustin)—born 1767, married 30 July 1793 (St. Martinville Church, Vol.4 #84), To Marie Angele Fostin, daughter of Jacques Fostin and Marie Françoise Trahan. Augustin died on 6 December 1800 (35 years), (St. Martinville Church, Vol. 4 #225).
6. Marie Felicite—born 1770, married 20 April 1789, St. James, Louisiana, to Joseph Honore Breaux. Marie Felicite died on 22 June 1842, Thibodeaux, Louisiana.
7. Jean Marie—born 1775, married 2 August 1796 (St. Martinville Church, Vol. 4 #131 ), to Isabelle Duhon. Jean Marie died on 18 February 1804 (St. Martinville Church, Vol. 4 #341).

8. Marie Catherine—born 1773, married 24 April 1793 (St. Martinville Church, Vol. 4 #79) to Claude Broussard, son of Joseph Broussard and Nanette Thibodeaux.
9. Marie Victoire—born 1781.
10. Marie Vincente—born 1784.

#### Children of Pierre Trahan and Marie Clemenceau

Pierre Trahan, born 1723, son of Pierre Trahan and Madeleine Comeau, married a fourth time on 18 February 1783, Nantes, France, to Marie Clemenceau (born 1751, Pisiguit) daughter of Jean Pierre Clemenceau and Françoise Gautereaux.

Child of Pierre Trahan and Marie Clemenceau:

1. Claire Marguerite—baptized 27 May 1788, Donaldsonville, Louisiana (ASC-5,18), married 9 September 1804, Plattenville, Louisian, to Laurent Pichoff, son of Joseph Pichoff and Marguerite Willig.

#### Children of Charles Trahan and Marguerite Thibodeaux

Charles Trahan, born 1726, son of Pierre Trahan and Madeleine Comeaux, married ca. 1748 to Bridgette Landry. He married a second time ca. 1765 to Marguerite Thibodeaux.

Child of Charles Trahan and Marguerite Thibodeaux:

1. Charles—born 1766, married 28 August 1790 to Marie Landraux. (St. Martinville, Vol. 4 # 34).

#### Children of Louis Athanase Trahan and Marguerite LeBlanc

Louis Athanase Trahan, born February 1734, son of François Trahan and Angelique Melancon, married on 17 December 1756, Liverpool, England, to Marguerite LeBlanc (born 1738), daughter of Joseph LeBlanc and Magdelaine Lelande. Marguerite married a second time on 26 November 1782 to Jean Scott.

Children of Louis Athanase Trahan and Marguerite LeBlanc:

1. Simon Laurent—born 11 October 1763, Morlaix, France.
2. Jean Marie—born 17 June 1765, married 13 February 1790, Morganza, Louisiana, to Adelaide Tulier, daughter of Rene Tulier and Calette Rameaux.
3. Marie Blanche—born 1767, married 25 May 1785 to Joseph Braud.
4. Marie Marguerite—born 1769.
5. Joseph Simon—born 1771, died young.

#### Children of Simon Trahan and Catherine Josette Richard

Simon Trahan, born November 1740, Pisiguit, son of Jean Trahan and Charlotte Comeau, married 18 June 1765, Morlaix, France to Catherine Josette Richard, daughter of Pierre Richard and Josette Le Blanc. Simon died 1780. Catherine Josette married a second time to Pierre Davaux.

Children of Simon Trahan and Catherine Josette Richard:

1. Simon Pierre—born 8 June 1766, Belle-Isle-en-mer.
2. Marie Josephe—born 1768, married Jacques Oudin.
3. Pierre François—born 1770.
4. Simon Nicolas—born 1775.
5. Rose Victoire—born 1777, married Sylvain Vallieres.

*(to be continued)*

## BOOK REVIEWS

REMEMBER US: *Historical, Biographical, Pictorial*. By Lucien T. and Melba B. Martin. (Lafayette, La.: n. p., 1987. viii, 298 pp. Introductory notes, abbreviations, acknowledgments, bibliography, index. Cloth, \$32.00).

A welcome addition for the genealogical shelves of Louisiana libraries, this handsome volume concentrates on the Martin and Mouton families. This focus could be expected: it began with curiosity about Sidney J. Martin and his wife Anaise Mouton. But, inescapably, it led the authors to follow collateral lines, such as the Babins, the Broussards, the Dugases, the LeBlancs, and many others. They have established genealogy charts as well as pedigree charts which make it easy to locate specific individuals and to visualize the complex family relationship. The Martins, however, have not been satisfied with this valuable but skeletal information. They have fleshed it out with excellent, interesting biographical sketches and a wealth of historic images. The numerous reproductions of houses, signatures, cattle brands, portraits and photographs are not simply an ornament lengthening a page heavy with text. They animate the pages and the charts, lending a real presence to what would otherwise be simply a name on the page. The pictures are so numerous that they require an index of their own.

The authors also include some fascinating accounts of family houses, house moving, home medicine, epidemics, and buried treasure. Carefully researched, *Remember Us*, which is genealogy, is also local history and lore which will richly reward the attentive reader.



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Dr. George Armand Martin  
(1861-1942)

# DR. GEORGE ARMAND MARTIN

by  
Pearl Mary Segura

Dr. George Armand Martin was known far and wide as "Bidon" (Cajun French for high hat) because of the silk top hat that he habitually wore with a Prince Albert coat during most of his long, eventful life.<sup>1</sup>

Actually he was a wearer of many hats: doctor, legislator, mayor, city judge, member of the parish school board, member of the parish police jury, city health officer, meteorologist, farmer, to name the more prominent ones.<sup>2</sup>

His genial personality endeared him to his nieces and nephews and their many descendants who called him "Nonc" Armand (Cajun for uncle).<sup>3</sup>

George Armand Martin was born in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, on April 23, 1861, at the beginning of the War Between the States. Louisiana had seceded from the Union on January 27, 1861, three months before, and joined the Confederacy on March 21, 1861. His early childhood was spent, therefore, in troubled times. His parents were Placide Omer Martin, a descendant of Robert Martin (who arrived in Acadia in 1636) and Elise (Elisabeth) Estilette. Once a prosperous farmer, Placide Omer was ruined financially by the war. Despite these adversities three of his sons became doctors: William Gregoire, Francois René and George Armand. A fourth son, Joseph Amicar, became a dentist. This speaks well for their ingenuity and industry.<sup>4</sup>

George Armand's early education was received in a private school in Breaux Bridge. In 1878, at the age of seventeen, he and four companions, none of whom knew a word of English, set out by train for Madisonville, Tennessee, where they enrolled at Hiwassee College, a small Methodist College, the alma mater of Armand's brother, François René. Armand received a B.S. degree in 1882. He had received a commission to West Point from President James Abram Garfield, but the President's assassination on September 19, 1881, dashed his hopes for a military career, for the new administration did not honor the commission. By now he had a working knowledge of

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<sup>1</sup>Jules O. Daigle, *A Dictionary of the Cajun Language* (Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1964), p. 169, 381; Mrs. Voorhies Gassie, "Dr. George Armand Martin, Mayor of Lafayette—1909-1911—1913-1915," p. 1; C. W. Price, Jr., "Career of the Man With the Silk Hat Reads Like a Book of Western Legends, Lafayette Physician Has Colorful Life," *The Progress*, Friday, March 25, 1938, p. 16.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.* Gassie, p. 1.

<sup>3</sup>Interview with Thomas Joseph Arceneaux, August 29, 1988.

<sup>4</sup>Donald J. Hebert, *Southwest Louisiana Records*, vol. VII, p. 312; Lucien T. and Melba B. Martin, *Remember Us, Historical, Biographical, Pictorial* (1967), p. 28, 30, 126; Betty Pourciau, *St. Martin Parish History* (Baton Rouge, 1965), p. 212-213; *Louisiana Almanac, 1988-1989* (Gretna, Louisiana, 1988), p. 110.



Elisa Martin  
(1863-1942)

English. He joined the U. S. Signal Corps and is next found on the Delaware breakwater off the Maryland shore.<sup>5</sup>

In the same year, 1882, he went to his next assignment by way of Coney Island, New York, the new amusement resort, where he met a number of new friends. He woke up one morning to find his hat and gloves gone. In their place were a new silk top hat and a gold headed walking cane. He had to leave within the hour for Fort Thomas, Arizona, to which he had been transferred, giving him no time to secure a new hat, so he put on his coat and the top hat and picked up the cane before making a quick exit. When the train on which he was travelling went through a small village on the Western Plains, a bullet came crashing through the window near where Armand and his companion were seated and went through the opposite window. "Young man, you are now nearing Arizona", said the Westerner. Undeterred, Armand wore the top hat through Fort Bowie, Arizona, "where frontiersmen offered to shoot it off his head." For several years he remained in Arizona, working in the weather observation bureau, having joined the government weather bureau with his classmate, Dr. I. M. Cline.<sup>6</sup>

In 1887, Armand received his M. D. degree from Tulane University. He returned to Breaux Bridge, thinking of practicing medicine there. However, he went to nearby Arnaudville instead to help his brother, Dr. William Gregoire Martin in the practice of medicine. William persuaded him to run for the position of representative from St. Landry Parish. He won the election and served in the House of Representatives from 1888 to 1892, during the second administration of Governor Francis Tillou Nicholls, a time when the lottery question was at its highest and bitterest point. In 1888 he received a commission from Governor Nicholls, and from every governor thereafter until his death. In 1890, as speaker pro tempore of the House, he brought order out of chaos, when three opposing factions were almost literally at each others' throats, by placing a pistol alongside the gavel and then calmly and impartially presiding over the voting on perhaps the most volatile issues in all of Louisiana political history—that of the miscegenation act and the Jim Crow law. Between sessions of the legislature, he studied at Tulane, receiving a Master's degree in Pharmacy in 1891. He was also enrolled in Tulane's Law Department in the session of 1890-91.<sup>7</sup>

Meanwhile, Armand (by now affectionately known to one and all as "Bidon") had an eye out for a pretty girl, one in particular: Elisa Martin, daughter of Andre Valsin Martin and Louise Cochrane. Elisa was Bidon's first cousin once removed (or second cousin in Louisiana French parlance). They were married in Carencro, Louisiana, on July 16, 1891. They then made their home in Arnaudville for a year or two before moving to Lafayette where he continued the practice of medicine. Their first child, Michael Ange, had been born in Arnaudville on May 15, 1892.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Pourciau, *St. Martin Parish History*, p. 212, 213; "Dr. George Armand Martin Death Occurs Early Today, Prominent for Many Years as Physician, Judge and Farmer of this Section," *Daily Advertiser*, May 6, 1942. Price, "Career," p. 16.

<sup>6</sup> Price, "Career . . .," p. 16.

<sup>7</sup> Price, "Career . . .," p. 16; William O. Scroggs, *The Story of Louisiana* (Indianapolis, 1924), p. 321; *Louisiana Almanac, 1908-09*, p. 382; *Membership in the Legislature of Louisiana, 1880-1960*. (Louisiana Legislative Council, Baton Rouge, 1979), p. 142; Pourciau, *St. Martin Parish History*, p. 212; Gassie, "Dr. George Armand Martin, September 26, 1888, Letter from Ms. Kannon Garofalo, University Archivist, Tulane University Libraries, Howard Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University, New Orleans, La; Tulane University of Louisiana Catalogue, 1890-91. New Orleans, 1891, p. 92; A. M. A. Journal, vol. 119, No. 10, July 4, 1942.

<sup>8</sup> Hebert, *Southwest Louisiana*, v. 22, p. 287; v. 23, p. 263; *Daily Advertiser*, May 6, 1942.

In 1893 Bidon and Edwin Martin of Rayne, Louisiana, decided to visit the World's Columbian exposition in Chicago. It commemorated the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus and was held from May 1 to October 30, 1893. On September 20, after having viewed the fair, Bidon and Edwin boarded the Illinois Central Railroad's New Orleans Limited which left Chicago at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the way back to New Orleans. The train reached Centalla, Illinois, at 11:05 p. m. and stayed only a short while. When the train stopped at the coal chute just south of the city, train robbers came aboard the engine and confronted the engineer and the fireman as the train was about to start. A scuffle ensued during which the trainmen were shot.<sup>9</sup> When the bandits reached the express car, there was an exchange of shots with the conductor and the express messenger. One of the brakemen went to the rear and asked the passengers to come forward to help if they had weapons. An old-time brakeman and a companion returning to Duquoin, Illinois, after a hunting expedition, went forward with their shotguns and wounded one of the bandits. The other fled into the darkness but was soon apprehended. The account of the foiled robbery made the *New York Times* and the *Picayune*. The latter ran this account of the part that Bidon played in the affray:<sup>10</sup>

Dr. G. A. Martin, of Lafayette, La., and Mr. Edwin Martin, of Rayne, were also returning from the fair and were snugly curled up in seats in the rear of those occupied by Father Roth and his companions when the alarm was given and an appeal made for weapons. Dr. Martin has had experience in train robbing in the west, and has been held up before. He had no pistol, but quick as a flash stuck his money and his valuables in his bootleg and then asked for a gun. No gentleman aboard seemed to have a weapon, but a courageous little woman, who was coming from Cairo, pulled a pistol from a spot where she had it secreted and handed it to the doctor, who made a dash for the forward end of the train where all the fighting was going on. Dr. Martin saw the hunters engaged in the battle and he did not get a chance to use his pistol. When the wounded robber was carried in, however, the doctor's services were called into requisition and he examined the wounded man. He found that the prisoner had been seriously shot over the left eye, not with a rifle ball, but with bullets from a gun. The fellow was asked if he wanted help, but he was as cool as a cucumber, and he replied with a faint smile, "I guess I can stand it." His face was badly powder-burned, but he was furtively watching the crowd and evidently seeking a chance to escape. After the doctor had attended to the wounded robber, the engineer was brought in, and Dr. Martin found that he had been very badly wounded in the back and painfully shot in the left arm. He had been shot by the robbers from the baggage car. The fireman was also brought in to receive the attention of the doctor, but he needed the attention of a physician less than any of the wounded, the wound being a slight one in the back. The conductor's wound was a flesh one in the hand.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Price, C. W., Jr., "Career . . .", p. 16

<sup>10</sup> "Train Robbers Beaten Off, Defense of the New Orleans Limited by Its Crew," *New York Times*, Sept. 22, 1893; "They Held Up an I. C. Train . . .," *New Orleans Daily Picayune*, Friday, September 22, 1893

<sup>11</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 7, col. 5.

Dr. Martin returned to Lafayette to the acclaim of his fellow citizens. So popular did he become in the ensuing years that on Tuesday, March 2, 1897, shortly after the birth of his second child, Marie Dora, born December 12, 1896, he reigned as King Attakapas, royal head of the Mystic Knights of Lafayette, the first Mardi Gras King of Lafayette, whose population in 1900 was still only 3,314. His royal proclamation, issued on February 18, 1897, stated

It is my express wish that all stores and other places of business shall be closed from 1 o'clock p. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. on the date named, in order that employers and employees, alike, may enjoy to the utmost the brilliant parade beginning at 2 o'clock p. m. I specially ordain that the Duke of Lafayette, the Duke of Carencro, the Duke of Broussard, the Duke of Scott, the Duke of Royville [Youngsville], and the Duke of Duson, shall attend the King, with their full retinue, in his triumphal march through the principal streets of Lafayette, my Capital city.<sup>12</sup>

A reception for the king and queen Miss Isaure McDaniel of Lafayette (later Mrs. J. E. Fletcher of Memphis, Tennessee), was held in Falk's Opera House on Washington Street. After the royal lancers (a quadrille in which the royal couple participated) was presented, a brilliant ball, "one of the finest ever given in Lafayette," followed.<sup>13</sup>

About this time he was active in the establishment of Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute which is now the University of Southwestern Louisiana and which was established by Act 162 of 1898, of the General Assembly of the State of Louisiana.<sup>14</sup>

George Armand Martin served two terms as the sixth and eighth mayor of Lafayette, in 1909-1911 and again in 1913-1915.<sup>15</sup>

He then began a long service as city judge from 1916-1932. We are told that "his tenure as city judge provided many colorful and humorous sessions and his court was always full of spectators." It is also said that he acquired the sobriquet of "Solomon" given him by Huey Long, because of the following anecdote: Two litigants came to court accusing each other of stealing a fat chicken which each claimed was his. Judge Martin adjourned court until near sunset, when he proceeded in his colorful attire with the chicken to the middle of the road that separated the homes of the litigants. He then released the chicken which straight-way flew into a tree in the yard to the left and settled for the night. The judge then pronounced his decision: The plaintiff in whose yard the chicken had roosted was the rightful owner.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>12</sup> *Lafayette Advertiser*, Sat., Feb. 20, 1897, p. 3, col. 3.

<sup>13</sup> Mario Mamalakis, "Mardi Gras in 1897 Set Pattern for Present Colorful Celebration," *Lafayette Progress*, Feb. 17, 1962; Mario Mamalakis, "First Lafayette Mardi Gras King Regal Figure Without Holiday," *Daily Advertiser*, February 5, 1956; Mario Mamalakis, "Now, When Bedon Was Carnival King Here—Those Were the Days!", *Lafayette Progress*, February 4, 1956; Mario Mamalakis, "Mardi Gras, Lafayette Celebrates Fat Tuesday," *Advertiser Centennial*, April 29, 1984, p. 71.

<sup>14</sup> Pourclau, *St. Martin Parish History*, p. 212; Southwestern Louisiana Institute Bulletin, Vol. 56, no. 1, March, 1959. Catalog Number, Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, Louisiana, p. 30.

<sup>15</sup> J. Philip Dismukes, *The Center, A History of the Development of Lafayette* (Lafayette, La.: 1972), p. 61; *Mayors of Lafayette, 1884-1980*, n. d., n. p. Arranged chronologically; "100 Years of Progress - Happy 100th from the City of Lafayette" *Advertiser Centennial*, April 29, 1984, [p. 87].

<sup>16</sup> "City Court Stays Alive," *The Lawyer & the Community*, Special Supplement to the *Daily Advertiser*, June 16, 1968, p. 13, erroneously marked June 17, 1968; Price, "Career . . ." p. 16.

Meanwhile, in 1918, Dr. Martin and his wife, Elisa, suffered a traumatic experience in the death of their only son, Louis Stanley, (commonly called Stanley) who was born August 25, 1900, and who had enrolled at Southwestern on September 16, 1914. He enlisted at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, April 23, 1917, in World War I, at the age of 16 years and 8 months. He served in Company L, 4th Infantry, to June 6, 1917, Company L, 59th Infantry, to August 10, 1917, Company H, 18th Infantry from November 24, 1917 to May 4, 1918 when he was slightly gassed, Company G, 18th Infantry, till the time of his death on July 20, 1918, near Soissons, France. He had taken part in a defensive engagement at Montdidier and in a Defense Sector Offense at Aisne, Marne, Somerville, Ansanville and Cantigny. He was buried with military honors. His body was returned from France and reburied in St. John's Cemetery in Lafayette on July 23, 1921. On February 22, 1919, a live oak tree was planted on the Southwestern campus and named the Stanley Martin Oak. The American Legion Post was named Stanley Martin Post No. 69 in his honor because he was the first Lafayette Parish soldier to have lost his life in the war. By General Orders, No. 1, January 1, 1920, Extract No. 4800 of the First Division, the Division Commander cited Private Louis S. Martin, Co. G 18th Infantry "for gallantry in action and especially meritorious services" by command of Major General Summerall. In a personal letter to Dr. Martin, General John Joseph Pershing, "General of the Armies of the United States" in command of the American Expeditionary Forces said: "Stanley Martin, in age but a child, but in courage a hero!"<sup>17</sup>

At the time of his interview with C. W. Price, Jr., in March of 1938, Bidon was still active as a practicing physician and city health officer at the age of 77. According to then mayor of Lafayette, J. Maxime Roy, he was "one of the most active and efficient health officers in the history of the city." His favorite form of exercise was to go almost daily to his farm and chop wood. (On the site of this farm is now located the J. W. Faulk Elementary School). Occasionally he rode a sulky, driving one of the several fine horses that he owned. One thing he never mastered, however, was driving a car. When the weather was dry, his wife, Elisa, drove him on his rounds. On rainy days, he drove himself in his buggy.<sup>18</sup>

Once more fate dealt him a blow. The faithful Elisa, at the age of 75, died on Sunday, February 5, 1939. Most Reverend Jules B. Jeanmard was present in the sanctuary during the services held in St. John Cathedral. She was buried in the Cathedral's cemetery.<sup>19</sup>

Bidon never completely recovered from this tragedy. Soon his health began to fail and he retired from all activity. After a long illness, he succumbed at 6 o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, May 6, 1942 at his home at 1219 St. John Street leaving two daughters, Mrs. W. Stanley Todd (Michael) of Lafayette and Mrs. Charles J. Moore (Dora) of New Iberia, two sisters, Mrs. J. Horace Martin of Jennings and Mrs. Arthur Couret of Lafayette, and one brother, Dr. Joseph Amilcar Martin, also of Lafayette. No more would he answer Telephone Number 7, but in the hearts and minds of his many patients, colleagues, friends and relatives, young and old, far

<sup>17</sup> Mimeographed address marking the 50th anniversary of the planting of "The Stanley Martin Oak" on the campus of Southwestern and xerox copies of First Division Citation and Army of the United States of America Certificate on file in the office of the commanding officer of American Legion Stanley Martin - Felix Ducrest Post No. 69; Martin-DeBlanc-Rousseau Family. Unpublished manuscript by Simeon Valery Martin. p. 50

<sup>18</sup> Price, "Career . . ." p. 16., interview with Dr. Thomas J. Arceneaux, August 29, 1988; Interview with Lucien T. Martin, September 1988; Mimeographed address marking 50th anniversary of the planting of "The Stanley Martin Oak" in files of American Legion Stanley Martin-Felix Ducrest Post No. 69.

<sup>19</sup> Certificate of death, Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette, LA, v. 6, page 27, No. 15; *Daily Advertiser*, February 6, 7, 1939.



and wide, he would live as long as memory served them with affectionate recollection. The author recalls how as a small child, she stopped at his office at 312 Jefferson Street on her way from Mt. Carmel Academy to have a shaky baby tooth taken care of and soon found herself on her way home with the tooth and a shiny new nickel given for her "bravery" tightly ensconced in her tiny fist. Mrs. Alice Voorhies Martin of Dallas remembers his long and fuzzy eyebrows and a childish joke which went this way: "Do you know what happened to Bidon?" "He tripped on his eyebrows!"<sup>20</sup>

In legendary stature, he has been compared to Judge Roy Bean of west of the Pecos River in Texas. His pleasant countenance, *joie de vivre*, high intellect and inquiring mind were known throughout the region, state and beyond in political, legal, medical and farming circles. In his own inimitable way, he was in truth a Man for All Seasons.<sup>21</sup>

### GEORGE ARMAND MARTIN GENEALOGY

- I. René Martin, be and d. in France, m. 1590 at Saint-Germain-de Bourgueuil, Anjou, France, Estienne Poyrier, b. and d. in France
- II. Robert Martin, b. Between 1600-1660, in Bourgueuil, France; m. Marguerite Landry, b. in Bourgueuil, France; They arrived in Acadia in 1636.
- III. Barnabé Martin, b. 1636 in Port Royal, Acadia; d. Before 1686 when census of Acadia was taken; m. Dec. 26, 1666 in Acadia Jeanne Pelletret, b. 1644 in Paris, d/o \_\_\_\_\_ Pelletret and Perrine Bourg who had m. (2) René Landry; the widow Jeanne Pelletret m. (2) About 169 Jacques le Vanier dit Langevin, b. 1653
  - A. Marie Martin, b. 1667, m. André Simon dit Boucher
  - B. René Martin, b. 1671; m. Marie Meunier
  - C. Madeleine Martin, b. 1674; m. François Coste
  - D. Jeanne Martin, b. 1676; m. (1) Louis Chesnay dit La Garenne, and m. (2) Gabriel Samson, s/o Gabriel Samson and Francoise Durand.
  - E. Etienne Martin, b. 1678, d. 1751 at Port Royal, m. Oct. 13, 1705 at Port Royal, Marie Commeau, d/o Pierre Commeau dit l'Ainé and Jeanne Bourg
  - F. Cécile Martin, b. 1682, m. Élie Gentil, of Pobomcoup, s/o Jean Gentil and Marie Jolet.
- IV. René Martin dit Barnabé of Port Royal, b. 1671; d. 1756 in Port-Lajoie (Charlottetown) Ile-Saint Jean (Prince Edward Island); m. About 1691 Marie Meunier (Minier)
  - A. Joseph Martin, b. 1692
  - B. Charles Martin, b. 1696; m. Nov. 27, 1715 at Port Royal, Jeanne Comeau, d/o Pierre Comeau and Jeanne Bourgeois
  - C. Pierre Martin, b. 1697, d. 1705.
  - D. René Martin, Jr., b. 1698, d. 1777 at Saint-Jacques-de l'Achigan, Quebec; m. Oct. 29, 1726 at Port Royal, Marguerite Michel, d/o Jacques Michel and Catherine Comeau.

<sup>20</sup> Daily Advertiser, May 6, 1942; Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Lafayette, La., November 1941, p. 25; Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Company, Official Directory of Lafayette, La., Sept. 1, 1912 p. 17; Letter to the author from Mrs. Alice Voorhies Martin, January 2, 1988.

<sup>21</sup> Price, "Career . . .," p. 16; Gassle, "Dr. George Armond Martin . . .," p. 1; Daily Advertiser, Wednesday, May 6, 1942, p. 2, col. 1.

- E. Marie Martin, b. 1700; m. François Richard s/o Jean Richard and Anne Christin and widower of Anne Comeau
- F. Jean-Baptiste Martin, b. 1704; m. Nov. 24, 1732 at Port Royal, Marie Brun, d/o Claude Brun and Cécile Dugas
- G. Ambroise Martin, b. 1706, settled in Beaubassin; m. (1) About 1732 Anne Cyr, d/o Pierre Cyr and Clair Cormier, and m. (2) About 1739 Emilienne Comeau.
- H. Paul Martin, b. About 1708, settled in Beaubassin; m. About 1730 Marguerite Cyr, d/o Pierre Cyr and Claire Cormier.
- I. Pierre Martin, b. 1709; d. 1784; m. Feb. 4, 1738 at Port Royal, Marie-Anne Granger, d/o Laurent Granger and Marie Bourg.
- J. Madeleine Martin, b. 1711; m. Jacques Toumeur, s/o Jean Toumeur and Jeanne Belin.
- K. Michel Martin, b. 1712
- L. Brigitte Martin, b. 1714; m. Séraphin Breau of Grand-Pré, Parish of Rivière-aux-Canards, s/o François Breau and Marie Comeau.
- V. Charles Martin, b. 1696; m. Nov. 27, 1715 at Port Royal, Jeanne Comeau, d/o Pierre Comeau and Jeanne Bourgeois
  - A. Marie-Joséphé Martin, b. 1716; m. Pierre Savoie, s/o Germain Savoie and Geneviève Babineau.
  - B. Pierre Martin, b. 1718; m. Aug. 11, 1744, at Port Royal, Marie-Joséphé Thibodeau, d/o Michel Thibodeaux and Agnès Dugas.
  - C. Catherine-Joseph Martin, b. 1720; m. François Girouard, s/o Charles Girouard and Anne Bastarache.
  - D. Jeanne Martin, b. 1722; m. Pierre Girouard, s/o Alexandre Girouard and Marie LeBorgne of Belle-Isle.
  - E. Marguerite Martin, b. About 1724; m. Michel Doucet, s/o Laurent Doucet and Marie Anne Pellerin
  - F. Claude Martin, twin b. 1726.
  - G. Charles Martin, twin, b. 1726
  - H. Grégoire Martin, b. 1728
  - I. Claude Martin, b. 1730; m. About 1770 Marie Babin.
  - J. Jean-Baptiste Martin, b. 1733.
  - K. Joseph Martin, b. 1735.
  - L. Amand, b. 1741
- VI. Claude Martin, b. 1730 in Port Royal; d. July 18, 1798 in St. Martinville, LA (SM Ch.: v. 4, #154); Succ. dated June 23, 1822. (SM Ct. Hse. Succ. #446); m. About 1770 Marie Babin in Louisiana, b. About 1743 in Acadia; d. Sept. 30, 1823, age 80 years at the home of her son, Michel Martin (SM Ch.: v. 4, #1601), Succ. dated Dec. 27, 1823 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #30).
  - A. Jean André Martin, b. Sept. 1, 1770, (SM Ch.: v. 1, p. 18); m. June 9, 1795 Catherine (Gertrude) Sonnier, d/o Sylvan Sonnier and Magdeleine Bourg (Opel. Ch.: v. 1, p. 56)
  - B. Joseph Marin Martin, b. Jan. 27, 1773 (SM Ch.: v. 1, p. 36); m. Oct. 22, 1799 Ana Dugas, d/o Pierre Dugas and Ana Thibodo (SM Ch.: v. 4, #181)
  - C. Marie Appolonie Martin, bt. May 5, 1776 (SM Ch.: v. 1, p. 45); m. May 31, 1796 Jean Baptiste Cormier of St. James, s/o Jean Baptiste Cormier and Marguerite Bourg
  - D. Michel Martin, b. Mar. 6, 1777 (SM Ch.: v. 1, p. 54); m. Sept. 2, 1806 (SM Ch.: v. 5, #71) Marguerite Huval, b. Mar. 31, 1790 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #417), d/o Jean Baptiste Huval and Jeanne (Anne) Doucette

- E. Marie Angelique Martin, bt. July 25, 1779, age 4 mths. (Opel. Ch.: v. 1, p. 31); m. June 1, 1801 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #229) Jean Baptiste Mouton, b. April 24, 1784 (Opel. Ch.: v. 1, p. 48), s/o Jean Mouton and Marie Marthe Borda.
- F. Valérie Martin, b. Dec. 8, 1782 (SM Ch.: v. 2, #11); m. Feb. 4, 1805 (SM Ch.: v. 5, #34) Celeste (Celestine) Huval, b. Sept. 15, 1787 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #286), d/o Jean Baptiste Huval and Anne Duset.
- G. Dosithee Martin, b. April 8, 1784 (SM Ch.: v. 3, #59); d. Mar. 10, 1809, age 22 years (SM Ch.: v. 4, #561)
- VII. Valerie (Valery) Martin, Sr., b. Dec. 8, 1782 (SM Ch.: v. 2, #11) d. Nov. 4, 1857, age 77 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 5, p. 253), Succ. dated Jan. 19, 1858, (SM Ct. Hse.: Succ. #1590); m. Feb. 4, 1805 (SM Ch.: v. 5, #34) Celeste (Celestine) Huval, b. Sept. 15, 1787 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #286), d/o Jean Baptiste Huval and Anne Duset; d. April 5, 1870, age 85 yrs. (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 39), Succ. dated April 11, 1870 (SM Ct. Hse.: Succ. #2210)
- A. Valery Martin, Jr., b. Nov. 5, 1805 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #24); d. Sept. 12, 1808, age 3 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #530)
- B. Placide Martin, b. Sept. 24, 1807 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #184); m. Sept. 6, 1827 Marie Erasie Bernard (SM Ch.: v. 7, #61)
- C. Marie Felonice Martin, b. April 6, 1810 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #925); d. Mar. 27, 1813, age 31/2 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #14)
- D. Caroline Martin, b. Oct. 29, 1812 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #1473); m. Sept. 9, 1928, Louis Valsin Mouton (SM Ch.: v. 7, #90), s/o Joseph Mouton and Marie Cidalize Arceneau; d. Jan. 13, 1829, age 17 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #1948)
- E. Laure Martin, b. About 1815; d. Feb. 21, 1929, age 14 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #1955)
- F. Louise Martin, b. Mar. 3, 1815 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #1877)
- G. Louis Bathazard Martin, b. Aug. 25, 1817 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #294); m. April 27, 1853, Julie LeBlanc (SM Ch.: v. 9, #49), d/o Sylvestre LeBlanc and Perrosine Duyan
- H. Andre Valsin Martin, b. Dec. 9, 1820 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #976); d. Nov. 28, 1884, age 63 yrs. (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 23); m. (1) Feb. 2, 1841 (GC Ch.: v. 1, p. 132) Feb. 1, 1841 (Opel. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #17), Marie Azelie Guidry, b. Dec. 15, 1821 (Laf. Ch.: v. 1, p. 13), d/o Augustin Guidry & Melanie Martin; d. Dec. 19, 1850, age over 20 yrs. (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 25), Succ. dated Jan. 23, 1852 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #684); m. (2) Jan. 29, 1852 (Laf. ch.: v. 4, p. 65) Louise Cochrane, d/o Robert Cochrane & Eliza Voorhies, b. 1836; d. June 13, 1892, age 56 yrs. (Carencro ch.: v. 1, p. 54)
- I. Simon Valerien Martin, b. Feb. 18, 1826 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #1760); m. Feb. 17, 1852, Angelina Mouton (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 66), d/o Sosthene Mouton and Eugenie Latiolais
- VIII. Placide Martin, b. Sept. 24, 1807 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #61); d. Jan. 18, 1846 (SM Ch.: v. 5, p. 155, Succ. dated Jan. 29, 1846 (SM Ct. Hse.: Succ. #1080); m. Sept. 6, 1827 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #61) Marie Eurasie Bernard, b. Feb. 10, 1811 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #1139), d/o Francois Bernard and Magdeleine Broussard; d. Oct. 2, 1833, age 23 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 5, p. 33, #85), Succ. dated Aug. 8, 1836 (SM Ct. Hse.: Succ. #812).
- A. Magdeleine (Felicite) Feliciane Martin, b. July 10, 1828 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #2102); m. July 10, 1845 (SM ch.: v. 8, #262), (SM Ct. Hse.: Mar. Bk. 1, #7), Jules St. Laurent Rousseau, s/o Julien Rousseau and Elmiere Broussard, d. Sept. 27, 1847, age 24 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 5, p. 169).

- B. Placide Omer Martin, b. July 20, 1831 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #255); m. May 30, 1855 (SM Ch.: v. 9, #136) (SM Ct. Hse.: Mar. Bk. 1, #101); m. Elise (Elisabeth) Estilette, b. Sept. 1, 1838 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #1565) d/o Alexandre Estilette and Eugenie Calais.
- C. Simeon Valery Martin, b. Jan. 5, 1832 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #212); m. June 20, 1849 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 13-A), Marie Francoise Celina DeBlanc, b. Oct. 4, 1831 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #579), d/o Maximilien Derneville DeBlanc and Marie Aspasie Castille.
- D. Albert Fileas Martin, b. Feb. 4, 1833 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #520); m. Feb. 18, 1857, (SM Ch.: v. 9, #206), (SM Ct. Hse.: Mar. #1328 1/2), Felicianne DeBlanc, b. June 30, 1836 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #1420), d/o Maximilien Demeville DeBlanc and Aspasie Castille.
- IX. Placide Omer Martin, b. July 20, 1831 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #255); m. May 30, 1855 (SM Ch.: v. 9, #136), (SM Ct. Hse.: Mar. Bk.1, #101); m. Elise (Elisabeth) Estilette, b. Sept. 1, 1838 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #1565), d/o Alexandre Estilette and Eugenie Calais.
- A. William Gregoire Martin, b. May 9, 1856 (SM Ch.: v. 10, #293); m. Mar. 31, 1880 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 257), lola (Ida) Marie Guilbeau, b. Jan. 4, 1860 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 10), d/o Honore Guilbeau and Anne Thomas
- B. Erazie Martin, b. June 17, 1857 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 46)
- C. (Francois) René Martin, b. June 16, 1859 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 62-insert); m. Oct. 28, 1879 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 227), Marie Constance Thibodeaux, b. Sept. 27, 1859 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 3), d/o Hypolite Thibodeaux and Elizabeth Zeringue
- D. George Armand Martin, b. April 23, 1861 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 17); d. May 6, 1942 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, p. 33, no. 9); m. July 16, 1891 (Carencro Ch.: v. 2, p. 114), (June 30, 1891, Laf. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #4823), Elisa Martin, b. Nov. 13, 1863 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #72), d/o Andre Valsin Martin and Louise Cochrane, d. Feb. 5, 1939 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, p. 27, No. 15)
- E. Marie Michael Martin, b. Dec. 14, 1864 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 42)
- F. Marie Eve (Eva) Martin, b. Nov. 24, 1866 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 63); m. April 17, 1894 (BB Ch.: v. 2, p. 71-a) (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #5302) Jean Horace Martin, b. Feb. 9, 1859 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #79), s/o Andre Valsin Martin (widower of Charlotte Mouton) and Louise Cochran.
- G. Marie Theoline (Theolympie), (Theoline, Toon) Martin, b. July 19, 1869 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 113); m. Jan. 16, 1899 (BB Ch.: v. 2, p. 168-A), (SM Ct. Hse.: Mar. #7471) Arthur Couret of Lafayette, b. Dec. 8, 1867 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #59), s/o Louis Couret and Clemence Bernard
- H. Joseph Amilcar Martin, b. Aug. 13, 1871 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 164); m. April 29, 1897 (Carencro Ch.: v. 3, p. 43), April 22, 1897 (SM Ct. Hse.: Mar. #7180) Lucie Adese Bernard of Laf. Parish, b. Sept. 7, 1872 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 193), d/o Edward Bernard and Melaney Singleton
- I. Marie Monita (Juanita) Martin, b. June 13, 1876 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 141); d. unmarried
- X. George Armand Martin, b. April 23, 1861 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 17); d. May 6, 1942 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, p. 33, no. 9); (Daily Advertiser, Wed. , May 6, 1942); m. July 16, 1891 (Carencro Ch.: v. 2, p. 114), June 30, 1891 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #4823), Elisa Martin, b. Nov. 1863 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #72), d/o Valsin Martin and Louise Cochrane; d. Feb. 5, 1939 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, p. 27, No. 15)
- A. Michael Ange Martin, b. May 15, 1892 (BB Ch.: v. 3, p. 173); m. William Stanley Todd, d. 1964
1. Marie Louise Todd, d. 1979; never married
  2. Evelyn Leo Todd, m. Andrew Sherman, Jr.
    - a. Virginia Ann Sherman
    - b. Roger Martin Sherman

- c. Carol Rose Sherman
- d. Dianne Sherman
- 3. Juanita Ann Todd, m. Paul E. Odendahl, Jr.
  - a. Robert Michael Odendahl
  - b. Jeanne Odendahl
- 4. Clifton Martin Todd, m. Melba Marie Johnson
  - a. Donna Marie Todd, m. Edward Kueton
  - b. Thomas Jude Todd, m. (1) Donna Sopcheck
    - (1) Michelle Lynn Todd
    - m. (2) Debbie Lopez
  - c. George Bryan Todd
  - d. Joseph Patrick Todd, M. Carolyn Banning
    - (1) Daniel Michael Todd
    - (2) David Martin Todd
    - (3) Katharine Elizabeth Todd
    - (4) Jonathan Caleb Todd
  - e. Veronica Ann Todd, m. Ben Matthews
    - (1) Nathan Cole Matthews
  - f. Daniel Martin Todd, m. Suzie Zaken
    - (1) Jason Wayne Todd
  - g. Christopher Jerome Todd, m. Debbie Lopez
- 5. Lucy Theresa Todd, m. (1) Floyd Leon Simpson; m. (2) John Gifford Leger
  - a. Robert Wayne Simpson, m. Linda Manning
    - (1) Marcus Paul Simpson
  - b. David Leon Simpson, d. 1980
  - c. John Martin Simpson, m. Kathleen Larabie
    - (1) Jeremy Scott Simpson
  - d. Steven Tod Simpson, d. 1979; m. Christin Kennedy, d. 1983
- 6. Dora Velma Todd m. John Aston Des Ormeaux
  - a. Kenneth Martin Des Ormeaux, m. Glenda Breaux
    - (1) Nicole Marie Des Ormeaux
    - (2) Kenneth Martin Des Ormeaux, II
  - b. Michael Kryn Des Ormeaux, m. Cheryl Broussard
    - (1) Amy Renée Des Ormeaux
    - (2) Matthew Kryn Des Ormeaux
    - (3) Anthony Todd Des Ormeaux
    - (4) Leah Nicole Des Ormeaux
  - c. Deborah Ann Des Ormeaux, m. Kermit Bouillion
    - (1) Allison Claire Bouillion
    - (2) Shannon Aline Bouillion
    - (3) Heather Rei Bouillion
    - (4) Erin Christine Bouillion
    - (5) Katherine Ann Bouillion
  - d. Louis Kirk Des Ormeaux, m. Gwendolyn Guidry
    - (1) Kristopher Ryan Des Ormeaux
    - (2) Kerri Elizabeth Des Ormeaux

- e. John Keith Des Ormeaux, m. Jodi Cormier
  - (1) Coby John Des Ormeaux
- f. Mary Ruth Des Ormeaux, m. Thomas Arabie
  - (1) Thomas Lane Arabie
  - (2) Ann Elizabeth Arabie
  - (3) Adam Blake Arabie
- B. Marie Dora Martin, b. Dec. 12, 1896 (Laf. Ch.: v. 9, p. 340; m. Charles J. Moore
  - 1. Onie Mae Moore, b. Jan. 15, 1917; d. April 16, 1918
  - 2. Rita Winnie Moore, m. Robert Bernard, Jr.
    - a. Richard Wyne Bernard
    - b. John Moore Bernard
  - 3. Lucille Stanley Moore, m. Dan Duncan, Sr.
    - a. Dan Duncan, Jr.
    - b. Charles P. Duncan
  - 4. Fred Stanley Moore, m. Cynthia Deshotel
    - a. Branda Moore
    - b. John Moore, d. at birth
    - c. Stanley Martin Moore
    - d. Charlotte Moore
    - e. Clark Moore
    - f. Charlie J. Moore
  - 5. Charlie Janet Moore, m. Albert J. Thibodeaux
    - a. Steven Thibodeaux
    - b. David G. Thibodeaux
    - c. Barbara Thibodeaux
    - d. Kathleen Thibodeaux
    - e. Chris Thibodeaux, d. At birth
    - f. Jimmy Thibodeaux
    - g. Patrick Thibodeaux
- C. Louis Stanley Martin, b. Aug. 25, 1900, (Laf. Ch.: v. 10, p. 133); d. July 20, 1918 near Soissons, France, unmarried

## ELISA MARTIN GENEALOGY

Elisa Martin and her husband, George Armand Martin, were first cousins once removed. Their genealogies through the first seven descending generations are identical. They differ in the eighth generation.

Elisa's father, Andre Valsin Martin (VIII, H in George Armand's Genealogy) was the brother of Placide Martin (VIII, B in George Armand's Genealogy) who was the grandfather of George Armand. Therefore, George Armand's father, Placide Omer Martin, and Elisa Martin were first cousins, making George Armand first cousin, once removed to Elisa Martin, his wife (or second cousin as anyone of French ancestry in South Louisiana would say).

- I. René Martin, m. Estlenette Poyrier
- II. Robert Martin, m. Marguerite Landry

- III. Barnabé Martin, m. Jeanne Pelletret
- IV. René Martin, dit Barnabé, m. Marie Meunier (Minier)
- V. Charles Martin, m. Jeanne Comeau
- VI. Claude Martin, m. Marie Babin
- VII. Valerie (Valery), m. Celeste (Celestine) Huval
- VIII. Andre Valsin Martin, b. Dec. 9, 1820 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #976); d. Nov. 28, 1884, age 63 yrs. (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 23); m. (1) Feb. 2, 1841 (GC Ch.: v. 1, p. 132), Feb. 1, 1841 (Opel. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #17) Marie Azelie Guidry, b. Dec. 15, 1821 (Laf. Ch.: v. 1, p. 13), d/o Augustin Guidry and Melanie Martin; d. Dec. 19, 1850, age over 20 yrs. (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 25), Succ. dated Jan. 23, 1852 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #684); m. (2) Jan. 29, 1852 (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 65), Louise Cochrane, d/o Robert Cochrane and Eliza Voorhies; b. 1836; d. June 13, 1892, age 56 yrs. (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 54).

#### CHILDREN OF ANDRE VALSIN MARTIN AND MARIE AZELIE GUIDRY

- A. Agnan Edgard Martin, b. Nov. 17, 1841 (SM Ch.: v. 9, #128); m. Jan. 15, 1863, Julie Martin, (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 212, #1); b. ?Aug. 27, 1843 (Laf. Ch.: V. 5, p. 311), d/o Charles Zepherin Martin and Marie Caroline D'Aigle; d. Apr. 4, 1892 (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 52); Succ.: Sept. 1892 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #1961)
- B. Victor Martin, b. Mar. 6, 1843 (SM Ch.: v. 8, #2018); m. (1) Marie Charlotte Ismene (Isma) Mouton, bt. April 24, 1841 (Laf. Ch.: v. 5, p. 215), d/o Jean Sosthene Mouton and Marie Eugenie Latiolais; m. (2) Dec. 21, 1869 (SM Ch.: v. 10, #291), Marie Cidalise Mouton, b. May 23, 1849 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, p. 55) (Maria Sidalisia), d/o Louis Alexandre Sidney Mouton and Marie Coralie Mouton; m. (3) Feb. 7, 1882 (SM Ch.: v. 10, #904), Marie Noemie Mouton, b. Sept. 1, 1857 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #59), d/o Louis Alexander Sidney Mouton and Marie Coralie Mouton; d. Aug. 29, 1885, age 42 yrs. (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 286), Succ: Nov. 16, 1885 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #1715)
- C. Joseph Valsin Martin, b. 1846; d. Aug. 26, 1847, age 11 mths. (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 4)
- D. Child Martin, d. Jan. 1, 1848 (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 8)
- E. Bazilis Celestine Martin, b. June 14, 1848 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 15); d. Oct. 19, 1910 (Martin, Lucien T. and Melba B., Remember Us, p. 149)

#### CHILDREN OF ANDRE VALSIN MARTIN AND LOUISE COCHRAN(E)

- A. Paul Martin, b. July 11, 1853 (SM Ch.: v. 9, #45); m. Feb. 17, 1876 (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 49) Marie Emethilde Breau, b. Oct. 17, 1859 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #6), d/o Esteve Breau and Oliva Begnaud; d. Feb. 21, 1920 (Martin, L. T. & M. B., Remember Us, p. 149)
- B. Marie Caroline Martin, b. Jan. 16, 1856 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #97), m. Dec. 21, 1875 (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 30), Joseph Martin Guilbeau, b. Feb. 23, 1855 (GC Ch.: v. 2, p. 137), s/o Placide (D.) Guilbeau and Clarisse Guidry
- C. Jean Horace Martin, b. Feb. 9, 1859 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #79); m. (1) Dec. 21, 1876 (Laf. Ch.: v. 5, p. 95) Charlotte Ismene Mouton, b. Mar. 2, 1860 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #40), d/o Jean Jacques Alfred Alexander Mouton and Philomene Zilla Mouton; m. (2) April 17, 1894 (BB Ch.: v. 2, p. 71-a) (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #5302), Marie Eve (Eva) Martin, b. Nov. 25, 1866 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 63), d/o Placide Omer Martin and Elise (Elisabeth) Estillette.

- D. Robert Martin, b. May 12, 1860 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #81); m. Jan. 28, 1886 (Carencro Ch.: v. 2, p. 24), Marie Eve (Mary) Cazeaudebat, b. April 21, 1864 (GC Ch.: v. 2, p. 237), d/o Jean Marie Benoit Caz(e)audebat and Azelle Arceneaux
- E. Child Martin, d. Sept. 20, 1862 at birth (Laf. Ch.: v. 4, p. 100)
- F. Elisa Martin, b. Nov. 13, 1863 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #72); d. Feb. 5, 1939 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, p. 27, No. 15); m. July 16, 1891 (Carencro Ch.: v. 2, p. 114), June 30, 1891 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #4823), Dr. George Armand Martin, b. April 23, 1861 (BB Ch.: v. 1, p. 17), s/o Placide Omer Martin and Elise (Ellisabeth) Estilette; d. May 6, 1942 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, p. 33, no. 9)
- G. Joseph Albert Martin, b. July 11, 1866 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #88); d. Dec. 6, 1891, age 25 yrs. (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 51)
- H. Placide Charles Martin, b. Oct. 17, 1868 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, #125), m. 1894 Azeline Arceneaux, d/o Perrin Arceneaux and Philomene Bertrand (Martin, L. T. and M. B., Remember Us, p. 149)
- I. Edward Martin, b. Feb. 11, 1871 (Laf. Ch.: v. 7, p. 39), m. (1) Rita Robira; m. (2) Elmyre Weber (Martin, L. T. and M. B., Remember Us)
- J. Marie Rosa Martin, b. Jan. 30, 1873 (Laf. Ch.: v. 7, p. 111); m. Feb. 12, 1896 (Laf. Ch.: v. 7, p. 145), Philippe Sidney Veazey, b. July 31, 1872 (Laf. Ch.: v. 7, p. 113), s/o Agenor (Azenor) Veazey and Marie Aurelia (Amella) Dupré
- K. Michel William Martin, b. Dec. 24, 1876 (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 53); m. Florence Henclyfts (Martin, L. T. and M. B., Remember Us)
- L. Clara Philomene Martin, b. July 17, 1879 (Carencro Ch.: v. 1, p. 100); d. at young age (Martin, L. T. and M. B., Remember Us)
- IX. George Armand Martin m. Elisa Martin (See X in George Armand Martin's Genealogy)

## QUERY

Brian James Barbazon is seeking descendants or any information on Martin MOREAU (d. June 8, 1858, St. Martin), spouse of Marguerite KIEFER, a native of France. Their daughter, Anna MOREAU married (October 8, 1862, St. Martin de Tours) Frederick W. MEISSNER, son of William MEISSNER and Dorothy BRANDES. Will gladly exchange information. Contact

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# THE LITTLE FLOCK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN PRESENT-DAY EVANGELINE PARISH: A BRIEF GLIMPSE

by

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## *Introduction*

My mother's paternal grandmother, Lovina Orr WETMORE (m. Jesse Franklin GATY), had been described as a "hardshell Baptist." One family story is that she attempted to "unbaptise" or wash the baptismal water off the forehead of my aunt (her granddaughter), Celeste GATY (daughter of William Henry GATY and his second wife, Julia Angeline BACON), after Celeste had undergone Catholic infant Baptism in 1903. The only assumption that I could make was that Lovina must have been very devout in her faith. I wondered where this homesteader on the Mamou Prairie of St. Landry (present-day Evangeline) Parish, Louisiana,<sup>1</sup> might have attended church services around the turn of the century.

In searching for my mother's paternal (or "Américain") ancestry, I located the WETMORE-GATY Bible that had belonged to Lovina.<sup>2</sup> Included with this Bible were two Church Letters and five sets of published minutes of annual sessions (meetings) of the Primitive Baptists in Louisiana. Who then were these Primitive Baptists, and where did they meet? As the letters and the minutes were examined, certain clues became evident, as some (but not all) of the pieces of the puzzle were assembled.

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<sup>1</sup> Lovina Orr Wetmore (b. Scott County, IL, April 28, 1838, d. April 19, 1917, buried next to her son Charles Albert Gaty in Reddell, LA, Cemetery) arrived on the Mamou Prairie after April 1881. For background information on the Wetmore and Gaty families, see the following articles by Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr.:

a. 1983a. "The Gaty Family in Evangeline Parish: Its Origins and Collateral Lines," *Louisiana Genealogical Register*, V. 30, #1 (Mar), pp. 3-11.

b. 1983b. "Paternal Ancestry and English Colonial Origins of Lovina Orr Wetmore, a Nineteenth-Century Homesteader on the Mamou Prairie," *La Voix des Prairies* (Evangeline Genealogical and Historical Society), V. 4, #12 (Jan), pp. 10-15.

c. 1983c. "Skeleton in the Closet: The Story of Stephen Reuben Wetmore," *Attakapas Gazette*, V. 18, #4 (winter), pp. 165-167.

d. 1984. "Gaty Lot in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri," *Louisiana Genealogical Register*, V. 31, #3, pp. 231-241 and p. 282.

e. "John Whitmore, Probable Progenitor of a North American Whitmore/Wetmore Line: Evidence from Secondary Sources," submitted for publication to *La Voix des Prairies*.

<sup>2</sup> For a transcription of the family record of this Bible, see Elba Anthony Dardeau, Jr. 1981. "Wetmore-Gaty Bible," *Louisiana Genealogical Register*, V. 29, #1 (Mar), pp. 61-63.

*"L. O. Gaty Church Letter"*

The first clue from the Bible contents that I examined was a 1902 document in an envelope marked "L. O. GATY Church Letter," the Church Letter being the usual documentation required to transfer membership to another congregation. As the following letter indicates, the congregation had dissolved, and letters were issued to each member "in good standing and fellowship":

St. Landry Parish La

July 6th, 1902

This is to certify that the primitive Baptist Church of Christ at Littleflock;<sup>3</sup> holding forth the doctrine of Election predestination and the final preservation of the Saints in Grace; have this day met for the purpose of dissolution and granting letters of dismission or recommendation to each member of our body. And this is to certify that our beloved Sister L. O. Gaty is a member in good standing and fellowship with us; and is hereby recommended to any other church or body of the same faith and order. Done on order of the church in conference on the day and date above.

(s) J. J. Musgrove, Mod.<sup>4</sup>

(s) W. W. Turner, ch. clk<sup>5</sup>

Because the letter was still in her Bible and not part of another congregation's records, the safe assumption is that Lovina was unable to transfer her membership after Little Flock was dissolved.

*Nancy J. WHITMAN Letter*

The second letter, with language similar to the above, was issued June 2, 1893, by Salem Church, Xenia, Clay County, Illinois, to a Sister Nancy J. WHITMAN and signed by "Eld. Ciney GREATHOUSE, mod.," and "G. M. EVANS, clerk." In an earlier study, I learned that Xenia was the place where John GATY (father of Jesse Franklin GATY) had died on April 5, 1881.<sup>6</sup> Two possible explanations (both of which may be correct) as to why this letter was associated with the other Bible keepsakes are: a) Salem Church was the Illinois congregation to which Lovina and her

<sup>3</sup> Although written as one word in this letter, "Little Flock" is a two-word name elsewhere.

<sup>4</sup> Musgrove, who served as moderator (presiding officer) of the 1902 session at which the "L. O. Gaty" letter was issued, was a member of Good Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish, LA (Source: H. L. Cryer, Moderator, and F. M. Patterson, Clerk. 1901. "Minutes, Ninth Annual Session, Louisiana Bihynia Primitive Baptist Association, Good Hope Church, Rapides Parish, La., September 7-8, 1901", Baptist Trumpet, Tioga, TX).

<sup>5</sup> William Worth Turner (b. June 1, 1860, d. December 18, 1922), husband of Ella Irene Gaty (b. 1 June 11, 1857, d. November 5, 1938), was Lovina Orr Wetmore's son-in-law; see Note 2. The Turner couple are buried in St. Louis Cemetery, Eunice, LA; see James B. Forester, L. D. O'Brien, Thoma E. O'Brien, and Jean B. Forester. 1981. "St. Louis Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions," Louisiana Genealogical Register, V. 28, #2 (Jun), p. 137.

<sup>6</sup> See Note 1, Reference d.

family belonged prior to their move to Louisiana and b) Nancy had transferred her membership to Little Flock, and the letter included with other church records after the dissolution.<sup>7</sup> WEBB's history of the Illinois Primitive Baptists states that Salem Church was organized on August 25, 1828.<sup>8</sup> According to WEBB, the pastor who served this congregation from 1892 until 1896 was Cina (?Ciney) GREATHOUSE. In addition, a John L. WHITMAN, described by WEBB as "a fluent pensman," served as deacon and clerk in 1864. No WETMOREs or GATYs, however, are mentioned in WEBB's one-page history of Salem Church.

### Sessions

The minutes of the Louisiana Primitive Baptist Association (LPBA) and the Louisiana Bithynia Primitive Baptist Association (LBPBA) included with the Bible provided information on sessions (annual meetings) in which Little Flock participated. A summary of session numbers, meeting dates, host churches, and Little Flock "messengers" (delegates), as reflected by these minutes is as follows:

Session No.	Date	Host Church	Location of Church (Post Office, Parish) <sup>9</sup>	Little Flock "Messengers"
LPBA				
41	Oct. 10-12, 1891	Little Flock	Beaver, St. Landry	John CRYER, A. A. DUBOSE,
42	Oct. 8-10, 1892	Mt. Paran	Langston, Claiborne	Wm. MCMELON (MCMILLEN), Eld. John CRYER
LBPBA				
2	Sept. 1-3, 1894	Zion Hill	Leesville, Vernon	Eld. J. CRYER, Wm. MCMILLEN, Adveel JOHNSON
3	Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 1895	Little Flock	Canton, St. Landria (sic)	Wm. MCMILLEN, Eld. J. CRYER, Adveel JOHNSON
9	Sept. 7-9, 1901	Good Hope	Forest Hill, Rapides	W. W. TURNER, Wm. CREWS

<sup>7</sup> Unfortunately no 1893 minutes were available to determine if Little Flock had accepted any letters that year.

<sup>8</sup> Robert Louis Webb, 1976. *Walk About Zion: A History of the Primitive Baptists of Illinois 1796-1976*, privately published, Burlington, IA, p. 17. Thanks to Gordon Cotton, Director, Old Court House Museum, Vicksburg, MS, and the author of *Of Primitive Faith and Order: A History of Mississippi Primitive Baptists* (privately published, 1980, Vicksburg, MS), for bringing Webb's book to my attention and for providing helpful leads and information on the Primitive Baptists.

<sup>9</sup> Interestingly, the St. Landry Parish post office associated with Little Flock changed, as follows: 1891, 1892, and 1894 - Beaver; 1895 - Canton; and 1901 - Bond. The Beaver community is in present-day Evangeline Parish. Bond is in present-day Allen Parish. Possibly the Canton post office was also in Allen Parish; it is not shown on the 1880 "Historic Evangeline Parish" map (Jacqueline Olivier Vidrine and Jan Tate, eds., *Evangeline Genealogical and Historical Society*, Ville Platte, LA).

The 1892 LPBA minutes show that the member churches of the former Fourth District formed the LBPBA. The new association consisted of Little Flock plus two Vernon Parish congregations, Zion Hill and Enon (Elmood). Later (between 1895 and 1901) the Good Hope Church of Rapides Parish joined the LBPBA.

### *Membership Statistics*

The session minutes also provide annual statistics on Little Flock membership statistics, as follows:

Year	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total
1891	6						15
1892	5	2	1				23
1894	2						26
1895				1			25
1901					2	3	18

Membership, which ranged between 15 and 26 during above years, seems to have peaked in 1894, two years after the LBPBA was formed. The largest church membership in the LPBA, 52, was that of New Providence (Ringgold, Bienville Parish). Little Flock had the largest membership in the LBPBA during 1894 and 1895; however, in 1901, Enon Church led with 18 members.

### *Other Information Concerning Little Flock and Its Members*

Although the exact date of Little Flock Church's establishment has not yet been determined, it was definitely in existence at least as early as 1890 when it hosted the LPBA's annual session.<sup>10</sup> The best sources of information on church or association activity available to this study were the association minutes for 1891, 1892, 1894, 1895, and 1901, which were included with the WETMORE/GATY Bible. These minutes were analyzed, and pertinent passages were extracted. Data of direct importance to Little Flock and its members were then italicized, as shown below:

1891

Saturday, October 10

a) After the Introductory Sermon and a one-hour intermission, ". . . the messengers from the churches composing the association convened and appointed Brethren G. Y. ODEN and *John CRYER* to preach at the stand."

<sup>10</sup> Information provided in a 17 August 1981 letter from Elder L. C. Swanner, Jonesboro, LA, to E. A. Dardeau, Jr. Elder Swanner's source was his own records.

b) "Item 5th. Moved that the Moderator appoint the following committees:

On Preaching - F. M. VIRING, J. E. MCBRIDE, with *messengers from Little Flock Church*. . . .

On Documents - A. A. DUBOSE, W. D. STEWART, J. M. EDMISTON."

Monday, October 12

c) "Item 16th. Resolved that we tender our thanks to the All-wise God and desire to be thankful to him for his kind providence towards us from our earliest existence to the present, and we also extend our thanks to *the brethren, sisters, and friends of Little Flock Church* for their hospitality towards us during this session."

1892<sup>11</sup>

Saturday, October 8

a) "Item 5th. Moved that the Moderator appoint the following committees:

On Preaching - J. P. HUCKABY, J. M. EDMISTON, Wm. MCMELON (MCMILLEN), with delegates from Mt. Paran Church. . . .

On Districts and District Meetings - S. W. JONES, John CRYER, J. M. EDMINSTON, and J. L. THOMAS."

Monday, October 10

b) "Item 3d. Called for report of the Committee on Preaching. Committee Report. Preaching to commence at 10 o'clock by *Eld. John CRYER*, followed by Eld. E. R. ROBINSON, closed by the Moderator."

c) "Item 11th. Called for report of the Committee on Districts and District Meetings. Committee report . . . . District Meeting of the Fourth District - to be held with *the church at Little Flock, St. Landry Parish*, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in August 1893."

d) "Whereas, the three churches, viz: Enon and Zion Hill, of Vernon Parish, and *Little Flock, of St. Landry Parish*, ask for letters of dismission, owing to the distance between them and the larger portion of the body, agreed by the Association, that this request be granted, and the Clerk write same and send to them."

1894

Saturday, September 1

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<sup>11</sup> Signature of Jesse F. Gaty (m. Lovina Orr Wetmore) on front cover.

a) "An Introductory Sermon was preached by *Ed. John CRYER* . . ."

b) After "a few minutes intermission, . . . on motion, *Eld. John CRYER* was called to the Moderator's seat and *J. E. WILLIAMS* as Clerk for temporary organization. Prayer by the Moderator. Elds. *H. L. CRYER*<sup>12</sup> and *G. T. ODEN* were requested to occupy the stand for the evening services."

c) "The Moderator appointed *Bro. Adveel Johnson* to read the letters (from the different churches)."

d) "On motion, the body went into choice of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of *Eld. John CRYER*, Moderator, and *J. E. WILLIAMS*, Clerk."

e) "Item 5. On Motion of the Moderator, appointed the following committees:

On Preaching - *Wm. MCMILLEN*, *J. T. HALL*, and *M. FOSHEE*.

On Arrangement of Business - *N. S. WILLIAMS*, *W. F. HALL*, and *Adveel JOHNSON*.

On Documents - *Wm. MCMILLEN*, *L. N. HALL*, and *J. E. WILLIAMS*.

On Finance - *Wm. MCMILLEN*, *J. E. WILLIAMS*, and *W. F. HALL*.

On District Meetings - *L. N. HALL*, *N. S. WILLIAMS*, and *Adveel JOHNSON*."

f) "Item 6. On motion called for report of Committee on Preaching for tomorrow, and the following was submitted: "Preaching to begin 10 o'clock by Eld. *H. L. CRYER*, followed by Eld. *G. T. ODEN*; thirty minutes intermission, preaching by *Wm. MCMILLEN*, and closed by *Eld. John CRYER*."

Monday, September 3

g) "Item 9. Appointed the next session of this body to be held with our sister, *Little Flock Church, St. Landry Parish, La.*, commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1895, thirteen miles southeast of Oakdale, and twelve miles northeast of Oberlin, on the Kansas City, Watkins, and Gulf Railroad."

h) "Item 10. Appointed Eld. *G. T. ODEN* to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and *Eld. John CRYER* in case of failure."

i) "Item 11. On motion that we write a Corresponding letter to our mother (the Louisiana Primitive Baptist Association) and ask her to correspond with us, and *Eld. John CRYER*, and Brethren *Wm. MCMILLEN*, *Adveel JOHNSON*, and *Wm. TURNER*, bear the letter."

<sup>12</sup> Elder *H. L. Cryer's* church assignment is not indicated on the 1894 minutes; on the 1895 and 1901 minutes, he is shown as pastor of Zion Hill Church Vernon Parish. Even though he and John Cryer shared the same surname, their relationship (if any) has not been determined.

1895<sup>13</sup>

Saturday, August 31

a) After the Introductory Sermon and a brief intermission, "... the association opened with singing and a prayer by the Moderator, Eld. G. T. ODEN, and *Brother A. A. DUBOSE* was requested to occupy the stand for the evening service."

b) "On motion, the body went into choice of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of *Eld. John CRYER* for Moderator and J. E. WILLIAMS for Clerk."

c) "5th. On motion, the *Moderator* appointed the following committees:

On Preaching - J. T. HALL, *Adveel (Adveel) JOHNSON*, and M. FORSHEE.

On Arrangement of Business - *Wm. MCMILLEN*, N. S. WILLIAMS, and H. L. CRYER. . . .

On Finance - *Wm. MCMILLEN*, J. T. HALL, and M. FORSHEE.

On District Meetings - N. S. WILLIAMS, J. S. WILLIAMS, and *Adveel (Adveel) JOHNSON*."

Sunday, September 1

e) "The brethren came forward in the order of their names (*except Brother A. A. DUBOSE*) and preached the gospel as we believe in its purity to a large and attentive audience and to the comfort and edification of the people of God."

Monday, September 2

f) "3rd. Called for report of Committee on Preaching. Committee Report. Preaching to begin at 10 o'clock by *Brother A. A. DUBOSE*, followed by Eld. G. T. ODEN, and closed by the Moderator."

g) "11th. On the motion that we write corresponding letters to our mother (the Louisiana Primitive Baptist Association) and ask her to correspond with us, and *Elders John CRYER*, H. L. CRYER, and *Wm. MCMILLEN* bear the letter."

h) "Resolved that we tender thanks to the Allwise God and desire to be thankful to Him for His kind Providence toward us from our earliest existence to the present, and we also extend our thanks to *the brethren, sisters, and friends of Little Flock Church* for their kind hospitality towards us during this session."

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<sup>13</sup> J. F. Gaty signature on first page.

<sup>14</sup> At the 1901 session, Elder John Cryer was pastor of Enon Church.

1901<sup>14</sup>

Saturday, September 7

a) "6. On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching - T. R. DELANEY, W. W. TURNER, and Joseph BURKE.

On Documents - W. F. HALL, Wm. CREWS, and F. M. PATTERSON. . . .

On Districts and District Meetings - W. F. HALL, Wm. CREWS, G. W. PUCKITT, and F. M. PATTERSON."

Monday, September 9

b) "5. On motion, the association adopted corresponding letter as printed in our minutes and renewed correspondence with the Louisiana Primitive Baptist Association, and Wm. CREWS, W. F. HALL, G. W. PUCKITT, and Joseph BURKE agreed to bear same."

c) "9. Called for a report of Committee on Districts and District Meetings, who reported that this association be divided into two districts, as follows: First District, *Little Flock*, and Good Hope churches; Second District, Zion Hill and Enon Churches. And that the district meeting of the First District be held with *Little Flock Church, St. Landry Parish, La.*, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in July 1902; and the district meeting of the Second District to convene with Zion Hill Church, Vernon Parish, La., on Friday before the second Sunday in August 1902."

### *Membership Reconstruction*

Without access to church, district, or association records or even to a complete set of minutes, an accurate compilation of Little Flock membership cannot be accomplished. However, the available material can be used to identify some of the baptised members during the 1890-1901 timeframe and to reconstruct a partial membership listing, their names being: Wm. CREWS, Elder John CRYER, A. A. DUBOSE, ?Jesse Franklin GATY, Adveel (Adviel) JOHNSON, Wm. MCMILLEN (MCMELON), W. W. TURNER, Lovina Orr WETMORE, and ?Nancy J. WHITMAN. In addition, the three children born to Jesse Franklin GATY and Lovina Orr WETMORE, who are Ella Irene (TURNER's wife), Charles Albert, and William Henry, were probably members. Thus far, however, no proof has been found to substantiate the baptisms of the latter three individuals.

### *Chronological Summary*

The same documents used to reconstruct membership (i.e., letters and minutes) plus the letter from Elder SWANNER (see Note 9) can be used to prepare a partial chronology:

1890 or earlier - Little Flock church established in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, 13 miles southwest of Oakdale and 12 miles northeast of Oberlin.



1890 - Little Flock hosted the LPBA annual session.

1891 - Little Flock hosted the LPBA annual session; "messengers" - CRYER and DUBOSE; CRYER possibly pastor of Little Flock (Some doubt exists because he was referred to as "brother" rather than as "elder").

1892 - Little Flock "messengers" MCMELLON (MCMILLEN) and DUBOSE attended the annual LPBA session at Mt. Paran Church; Little Flock became a member of a new association, the LBPBA; CRYER referred to as "elder," and, therefore, definitely pastor of Little Flock, a post held at least through the 1895 session.

1893 - ?WHITMAN Church Letter accepted.

1894 - Little Flock "messengers" CRYER, MCMILLEN, and JOHNSON attended the annual LBPBA session at Zion Hill Church; CRYER served as Moderator.

1895 - Little Flock hosted the annual LBPBA session; CRYER chosen Moderator; CRYER and MCMILLEN asked to "bear letter" to the LPBA.

1901 - "Messengers" TURNER and CREWS attended the annual LBPBA session at Good Hope Church; the LBPBA divided into two districts; CRYER serving pastor of Enon Church.

1902 - Little Flock hosted First District Meeting of the LBPBA; Little Flock dissolved.

### *Conclusion and Recommendations for Further Study*

This study has provided but a brief glimpse into the history of a small and nearly forgotten congregation in St. Landry (presently, Evangeline) Parish, Louisiana. The principal source of the information presented here was a collection of keepsakes included with a family Bible. Such sources, which are overlooked, can provide useful data for genealogy or local history efforts. Perhaps others who read this article will realize that they have missing pieces of this fascinating puzzle and will share their knowledge with us. Any corrections or additions would be welcomed.

## CONTEMPORARY ATTAKAPAS PERSONALITY



Mark Patout

# THE SOIL IS HIS DIARY

by

*Oscar James Gonzalez*

Grimy like an overworked field hand, the young man drags himself up to his home's inviting front porch. The stubble on his face is as prominent as a freshly harvested field and the corners of his eyes bear the creases etched by the rigors of a demanding occupation. For Louisiana sugar cane farmer, Mark Patout, another long day has come to an end, leaving in its wake the memories of mechanical breakdowns, logistical problems, and an endless litany of assorted frustrations.

After spending nearly 12 hectic hours in his fields, Mark is now ready for a welcome change of pace. As he enters his home, however, he is met by a miniature cyclone - his five-year-old son, Christopher, rushes forward to give his father a bear hug. Excitedly and almost out of breath, the child says, "Let's go play on the gym set." Nodding tiredly, but with an unmistakable gleam of pride in his eyes, Mark goes outside with his boy.

"You know, it's really wonderful," comments Becky, Mark's wife, "to see those two together. Sometimes on Sundays," she continues, "Mark will even let Chris ride with him on the harvester. One thing's for certain - no matter how tired he might be when he comes home in the afternoon, Mark will always find time for Chris and for our two girls."

Later that evening, after a chicken and sausage gumbo, Mark opens a cold Budweiser and flops down in his favorite chair. Halfheartedly watching a football game on television, he has the look of a man unaccustomed to real relaxation. By becoming immersed in stark, adrenalin-filled days, Mark often finds himself fending off any encroaching weariness. When exhaustion begins to sink in, however, sleep is not far behind.

Finally dozing off, Mark reluctantly embraces the restful interlude that night and its dreams will bring. Sighing, Becky says, "Sometimes he really pushes himself too far. I wish he'd learn to relax a little bit more."

The new day emerges cloaked in a milky mantle of mist which, hovering over the swaying stalks of cane, transforms the landscape into a visual ode of unparalleled eloquence.

Arriving at his fields on the outskirts of Jeanerette just after dawn, Mark is more concerned with the poor visibility hampering his tractor drivers than with any atmospheric poetry. Surveying the scene, his eyes squint as he remarks, "The boys hauling the cane to the mill are gonna have to be real careful with the traffic when they cross the interstate."

When asked how many men he employs during the harvest, Mark replies that 6 or 7 helpers are generally needed for the 600 acres farmed by his father and him. These hired hands, incidentally, handle the equipment, consisting of carts, a loader, and 6 tractors. Mark also explains that while most of his crew are busy loading and transporting the cane to the mill, he will be using the single-row harvester for cutting in the fields.



As his father, Warren, listens nearby, Mark and his overseer discuss a mechanical problem affecting the plough. There are at least 5 generations of sugar producers on both sides of Mark's ancestry.



Mark cuts cane in one of his fields along Burleigh Road. In recent years, he has received 7 awards for his high crop yields.



After work, Mark joins his children on the outdoor gym. From left, they are Christopher, Allyson, and Sarah.



At the end of the day, Christopher greets Mark with a hug and a nose rub. The precocious 5-year-old often spends Sundays with his father in the fields.

The sudden roar of the harvester's engine momentarily upsets the tranquility of this autumnal morning. Before climbing into the driver's seat, Mark turns around and tells his overseer, "When you finish hauling across the road, take my truck and pick up that new clamp in town." In an instant, Mark and his metallic steed become a blurred vision of churning chains and flailing blades.

A few moments later, Warren, Mark's father, drives up. Spotting the overseer, Warren asks him if the replacement part for the plough has been changed. When told that he will soon be going to town for the clamp, Warren's apparent uneasiness subsides. "I needn't have worried," he says. "Mark is always in control of things."

A reserved individual, Warren speaks affectionately, but with candor, about his son. "Mark isn't exactly the most patient man in the world. He's also very stubborn and he literally never gives in to anyone or to anything." Pausing for a moment to grope for the right words, Warren continues, "We don't always see eye-to-eye, but, quite honestly, there's no denying that Mark is 'energy personified' - he can go from daylight to dusk without flinching."

Around midday, the once-erect green fields have been converted into a Sargasso Sea of cut cane. Lying atop their rough furrows, the sweet stalks will soon be lightly burned in order to rid them of their leafy outer covering.

While observing his skillful handling of the harvester and the subsequent altering of the landscape, one gets the impression that Mark is, in a way, a diarist. With an annual unbroken cycle of preparing fallow ground, planting, and harvesting, he seems to be making daily entries in some vast terrestrial journal. The soil is his diary, containing not only the joy and the anguish of the past, but also holding the promise of achievements to come.

"Let's go get a quick snack," yells Mark as he jumps down from the harvester. Dusting himself off with his frayed cap, he adds, "Today I'm lucky because I can give myself a few minutes. Yesterday, I didn't have time to eat 'til I got home."

The inside of his truck is a study in disarray - fan belts, smudged shirts, a greasy cap, assorted nuts and bolts, discarded candy wrappers, and papers containing endless bits of information. Absentmindedness? A couldn't-care-less attitude? Not in the least. All this means is that Mark is constantly on the go, a whirlwind in motion, a busy man more interested in getting things done than in the way things look.

Stopping at Grand Marais Superette, Mark's lunch is Cajun fast food at its fastest - a cold carton of chocolate milk and a link of hot boudin. Eating quickly, Mark talks about his love for farming. "I really like what I do, although I don't always know why." Growing pensive, he injects, "I hope to continue to farm for a long time to come."

When speaking about the risks involved in his profession, Mark's features grow dark. "Like anything, farming can often be frustrating and full of obstacles. In order to survive," he emphasizes, "farmers can't let up for a second - we have to work our butts off!"

Tossing his empty milk carton aside, Mark's troubled face constricts as he says in a subdued voice, "Our worst enemy is the weather. We're terrified of hurricanes and early freezes, but we have to be ready for anything. Just the other day, a storm front passed through here. After a few minutes of high wind and plenty rain," he frowns, "some of my cane was knocked down and tangled pretty badly."

A satisfying belch quickly restores Mark's high-octane personality. Beaming, he discusses his children and their future. "I'd love to see them enter some aspect of farming. But if they prefer to do something else, . . . well, that'll be fine." Continuing, he says, "If they do decide to farm, I'll teach them everything I can, with the condition that they dedicate themselves completely to their work."

Returning to the fields, there are some adjustments that must be made to the harvester. Grabbing a wrench and a hammer, Mark goes up to the topper (a rotating series of knives that cut the unwanted cane tops) to tighten a blade. As he applies pressure, the wrench slips, smashing his knuckles against the topper. The swearing continues for what seems an eternity as Mark shakes his bloodied throbbing hand. "Well," he quips, regaining his composure, "if I'm not more careful, I might end up a cripple before the crop's over."

Sir Max Beerbohm, the English essayist, once wrote: "No fine work can be done without concentration and self-sacrifice and toil." In pursuing his goal with vigor and determination, Mark gives full meaning to Beerbohm's words. True, this particular farmer is often impatient as well as tempestuous, but . . . he accomplishes his job. The many cuts, scrapes, and bruises, accompanied by countless fatigue-inducing days, are all evidence of the man's perseverance and his devotion to his career. For Mark, sugar is not merely his livelihood, it is his life.

The late afternoon reveals a panorama of smoke hanging over the still-burning fields of cut cane. As the crackling sounds of the flame-enveloped stalks punctuate the stillness, a loader in a nearby field fills up one last cane cart. Walking wearily behind, a sweaty worker wipes his forehead and tugs at his drenched shirt.

"My father always told me that farming would not be easy," reflects Mark, as he jots down his helpers' hours. "I've been in this business for 10 years now, and, although it doesn't seem to get any smoother, I'd never consider doing anything else."

On his way home, Mark takes some quick gulps from a day-old can of Coke that has been forgotten on his truck seat. With a boyish grin, he admits, "When I first started farming, I was a lot more relaxed than I am now. I hope that my kids will learn to do things calmly and take everything in stride."

Pulling into his driveway, Mark leans over, and, as an afterthought, says, "I don't really know if the kids will ever follow me into farming, but, let me tell you," he smiles, "I wish you could see their faces light up when they're with me in the fields."



# *Tombstone Inscriptions in the Lafayette Protestant Cemetery*

*compiled by  
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*(continued from vol. XXIV, no. 1)*

Beulah Fuller Smith 1891-1930	C. E. Soncrant 1878-1953
Daisy Smith wife of Henry Vincent mielly Dec. 27, 1865-June 15, 1939	Mrs. Ella MacLeod Soncrant Aug. 30, 1882 Aug. 27, 1974
Emma Lou W. Smith Feb. 3, 1891 Mar. 27, 1972	Helen Soncrant des Landes 1910-1978
Frank Smith Nov. 4, 1892 April 29, 1961	Eleanor wife of H. C. Sparkarandt Aug. 16, 1898 June 17, 1902
H. Dawson Smith U. S. Army World War II July 6, 1916-May 17, 1977	A. E. Spaulding Oct. 10, 1879-Nov. 14, 1935 Pine Grove Lodge 288, Ponchatoula, La.
Robert Fenner Smith March 10, 1875 May 19, 1936	Mrs. Lizzie Hutchinson Spell June 19, 1886 July 26, 1949
William N. Smith, Sr. March 25, 1886-July 14, 1975	Nancy Ann Spradley wife of John Roberts 1866-1951
Carrie Snodgrass June 16, 1896 Dec. 7, 1899	Eastin L. Sprole April 12, 1884 June 20, 1947



James Allen Sprole  
Sept. 7, 1877  
Nov. 30, 1905

Josephine Sprole  
(Mrs. Oscar)  
died Dec. 7, 1895

Mary Ophelia Sprole  
Oct. 3, 1877  
May 17, 1963

Oscar Sprole  
died Nov. 26, 1891

Oscar Sprole  
June 20, 1884  
Jan. 12, 1965  
Age 80

William J. Starr  
Michigan  
Mech 1265 Infantry 32 Division  
World War I  
April 23, 1888-Feb. 10, 1951

Mrs. Carl Stauber  
Née Dorothy Smith  
Aug. 23, 1920  
Aug. 9, 1976

Robert J. Stenhouse  
1877-1948

Barbara Lemmon Stephan  
Feb. 6, 1920  
Sept. 18, 1981

Jack Sidney Stephan  
Jan. 20, 1950-Aug. 7, 1981

John Louis (Jack) Stephan  
KYCH HRAKTP RCC  
July 27, 1890-May 3, 1969  
Master Hope Lodge No. 145, F & A. M.  
1924  
M. E. Grand High Priest, R.A. M. 1961  
M. L. Grand Master, R & S. M. 1968  
Commander, Payen Commanderz No. 16,  
17 yrs.

Richard Oran Stephan  
Aug. 20, 1948

Robert Lionel Stephan, II  
Dec. 28, 1942

Gideon Stephens  
July 21, 1782  
Sept. 15, 1871

Sophia Stephens  
(Mrs. Thomas F. Webb)  
born Feb. 14, 1824  
died July 4, 1899

Roger G. Stevens  
Pvt. U. S. ARmy  
WWI  
April 1, 1898-Jan. 22, 1977

Wayne D. Steward  
Illinois  
2 Licut., Sig Corps  
May 31, 1943

Elizabeth Hall Stirling  
wife of  
James Godfrey Parkerson  
Jan. 18, 1829  
Nov. 1, 1903

Ruth Elizabeth Stodghill  
wife of  
M. Eloi Girard  
April 1, 1897  
Sept. 15, 1975

Enos G. Stutes  
July 25, 1896-Mar. 17, 1975

Mrs. Enos C. Stutes  
Née Laura Beadle  
June 21, 1896-Nov. 24, 1964

Edith Taylor  
wife of  
Luther Griffith  
1901-1928

Jesse A. Taylor  
1862-1945

Margaret Maine Taylor  
1901-1964  
Born Pentra Wales  
Widow of William Taylor  
Sister of Thomas Maine

Wilder W. Thayer  
Louisiana  
PFC Co. A 216 Fld.  
Sig. Bn.  
World War I  
June 15, 1894-Oct. 26, 1965

Arsene Thibodeaux  
May 1901-Jan. 1975

Savannah Hopkins Thiot  
Oct. 23, 1909-May 19, 1981

Allen Thompson  
1909-1928

George Leo Thompson  
1850-1924

Laura Thompson  
wife of  
T. E. Webb  
1881-1928

Mary W. Thompson  
1878-1969

William M. Thompson  
1882-1952

Charlie A. Tolson  
wife of  
Lee Darby  
Sept. 18, 1857-June 28, 1903

Dr. Frederick R. Tolson  
May 2, 1852  
March 31, 1930

J. E. Tolson  
July 18, 1855-Dec. 9, 1902  
In Memory of Dear Uncle Embry

John Tolson, Jr.  
March 30, 1915  
Aug. 27, 1969

John Tolson, M. D.  
May 31, 1883  
July 18, 1938

C. P. Tomlinson  
Aug. 21, 1879  
April 15, 1966

Stella Maclean Tomlinson  
Sept. 4, 1891  
March 24, 1963

Grace Dear Toney  
1890-1936

Edith Glenn Torian  
Jan. 21, 1900  
April 3, 1904

Mary Lavinia Torian  
wife of  
Archibald Alexander Morgan, Jr.  
Dec. 13, 1880  
Feb. 13, 1923

Mattie Glen Torian  
Jan. 11, 1868  
Aug. 2, 1900

Sallie Louise Torian  
wife of  
Pickens Calhoun Bennett  
March 22, 1875  
May 27, 1942

Thomas Wilson Torian  
Nov. 17, 1865  
Dec. 4, 1905

Virginia Walters Torian  
wife of W. A. Carrigan  
April 19, 1873  
Dec. 26, 1957

William Bethell Torian  
March 4, 1839  
Nov. 5, 1926

Ben Jamin B.  
son of John and Mary Torrence  
June 20, 1855-Dec. 24, 1878

May, infant daughter of  
John and Mary Torrence  
born Aug. 24, 1873  
died Aug. 28, 1873

Ora Val Touchton  
June 5, 1886  
Nov. 4, 1949

Mrs. O. V. Touchton  
Née Olivia Guidry  
June 9, 1889  
Jan. 21, 1966

Marie R. Toups  
wife of  
H. M. Burke  
died Dec. 21, 1899  
aged 32 yrs.

Alice Cotton Town  
1860-1956

George W. Town  
1856-1941

Joshua Hays Town  
1876-1939

May LaBoye Town  
1878-1966

Frank C. Triay  
Feb. 9, 1866  
March 10, 1947  
Charter member B. R. T.  
Morgan Lodge 317

Lily Younger Triay  
born May 4, 1887  
at Donaldsonville  
died April 13, 1939

Dais L. Carter Turner  
sister of  
Mrs. J. Wm. Harrington  
Sept. 1, 1887-Aug. 31, 1972

Frances Hewitt Turner  
wife of  
Robert Bownan Phillips  
born Nov. 17, 1869  
died July 27, 1927

Carrie Della Turpin  
Feb. 23, 1893-Jan. 4, 1971

J. J. "Jim" Turpin  
Nov. 30, 1890  
Mar. 2, 1972

David Pierce Upton  
Nov. 14, 1858  
Jan. 10, 1946

Lou E. Riggs Upton  
Nov. 3, 1861  
Oct. 4, 1948

Anthony R. Veazey  
Oct. 21, 1876  
March 6, 1974

Jerome A. Veazey  
July 2, 1910  
April 14, 1971

Michelle Renee Verot  
Oct. 19, 1977-Jan. 8, 1979

W. E. Wade  
(no dates given)

George Waggoner  
(no dates)

Mary C. Waggoner  
wife of  
H. K. Robinson  
1858-1923

Rowena Hopkins Waitt  
May 6, 1890  
Feb. 27, 1924

Milton Henry Walker  
Arkansas  
PFC 10 Balloon Co. Air SVC  
World War I  
June 7, 1902-Nov. 13, 1964

Willie E. Walker Sept. 15, 1859 Feb. 3, 1948	Melba Lalanne Ward June 29, 1909-
Andrew D. Wallis May 15, 1869 May 19, 1887	William Henry (Bill) Ward Nov. 12, 1911-Dec. 10, 1967
Eula S. Wallis May 27, 1872 Sept. 16, 1878	Clem Edison Ware U. S. Army World War II Nov. 21, 1914-July 21, 1981
Hugh Creighton Wallis born July 11, 1879 died July 9, 1943	Mildred Hopkins Ware June 30, 1902 Nov. 30, 1981
Josephine Dyer Wallis Oct. 22, 1848 Sept. 23, 1898	Eloise M. Weathers Born Maradocia, Ill., 1864 Died Houma, La., 1930
Robert L. Wallis Aug. 7, 1870 Oct. 16, 1891	Frances May Weathers wife of Joseph S. Ramsey Departed this life Dec. 3, 1921
Samuel Rasin Wallis Dec. 22, 1843 June 27, 1893	Anna Webb Dec. 9, 1872 Aug. 31, 1958
In Loving Memory of Mrs. John Walsh 1894-1937	Charles Webb Husband of Louise Breaux Webb 1873-1959
John Bowden Walsh Feb. 26, 1890-July 9, 1971	Francis C. Webb April 7, 1902-March 1, 1977
Augusta Mae Walter 1889-1964	Mrs. Francis C. Webb Née Alice Segura 1904-1936
Malinda Jane Walter 1860-1953	Helen Webb wife of A. F. Dacosta 1904-1926
Russell F. Walter 1889-1972	Robert Greig Webb Oct. 23, 1911-Jan. 5, 1979
Annie Melancon Walters July 22, 1913-	Rozina B. Webb Dec. 24, 1904 Oct. 26, 1955
Edward Eugene Walters April 29, 1909-	T. F. Webb 1850-1934
Mrs. Charles E. Walther Née Louise M. Richard Oct. 22, 1905 Dec. 12, 1962	

Thomas Edward Webb  
 April 9, 1881  
 April 11, 1951

Thomas Frederick Webb  
 born April 1, 1823  
 died Nov. 1, 1899

W. G. Webb  
 Aug. 21, 1857  
 May 10, 1944

Lynnie L. Dandridge Webster  
 July 27, 1883  
 May 7, 1954

Rush Battles Webster  
 Nov. 26, 1878  
 Dec. 29, 1952

W. S. Webster, Jr.  
 May 6, 1924  
 July 2, 1924

James A. Welsh  
 Dec. 3, 1876  
 April 24, 1961

John W. Werner  
 1871-1944

Oakley M. Whitbeck  
 July 18, 1864  
 May 18, 1943

Byron M. White  
 1880-1938

Charles L. White  
 April 28, 1894-Sept. 25, 1979

Frances Smith White  
 June 24, 1896-June 30, 1963

Helen Reed White  
 Mother of Jane and Charles  
 Dec. 23, 1921-Feb. 4, 1944

John Whitmeyer  
 1866-1957

Bobby Wilder  
 1951-1953

Frank J. Wilkens  
 Feb. 28, 1882  
 Nov. 12, 1952

Goldie Wilkins  
 wife of  
 J. Blaine Cotter  
 Feb. 9, 1909  
 Oct. 21, 1967  
 Love

Lucinda Joy Willett  
 wife of  
 Dr. R. S. Hernandez  
 Oct. 18, 1902-

Carl M. Williams  
 Texas  
 Pvt. Co L. 19 Infantry  
 World War I

Jan. 14, 1901-May 30, 1969

David Richard Williams  
 Fellow of the American Institute of  
 Architects  
 Oct. 17, 1890-March 10, 1962

In Memory of  
 Kathryn Dupleix Williams  
 wife of  
 L. C. Williams  
 Jan. 8, 1910  
 Aug. 7, 1953

Mrs. Mattie Hopkins Williams  
 April 10, 1870  
 Aug. 9, 1939

R. W. "Bill" Williamson  
 Dec. 3, 1898  
 May 10, 1954

Delilah M. Wilson  
 wife of  
 J. W. Ramsey  
 1850-1918

Fances Campbell (Maud) Winn  
 Born June 7, 1871 Homewood, La.  
 Died Oct. 30, 1858, New Orleans  
 wife of  
 Edward McCarthy Toliaferro  
 who died June, 1893

M. E. Winters  
 wife of  
 J. R. Davis  
 1841-1928

Father  
 David A. Womack  
 1887-1962

George W. Womack, IV  
 March 21, 1907  
 April 26, 1977

Mrs. George W. Womack  
 Née Martha Lee Daniel  
 Sept. 30, 1911  
 Dec. 23, 1972

Dr. Martin James Woods, DDS  
 Born March 5, 1889  
 Died Nov. 5, 1944

Ashby Woodson  
 Dec. 27, 1877  
 May 28, 1929

Lena Maryman Yandle  
 Feb. 9, 1895  
 Oct. 21, 1971

Robert W. Yandle  
 Oct. 19, 1902  
 Nov. 25, 1944

Sylvester E. Yandle  
 March 22, 1872  
 Nov. 17, 1924

Amy E. Young  
 wife of  
 L. W. Herran  
 March 24, 1887  
 Nov. 14, 1926  
 Darling We Miss Thee

Annie Tolson Young  
 wife of  
 Nicholas Young  
 Nov. 25, 1860  
 Feb. 19, 1944

Beulah Young  
 Aug. 9, 1879  
 Oct. 19, 1958

J. J. Young  
 1883-1920

Martha Young  
 wife of  
 Dr. Frederick R. Tolson  
 1859-1931

May f. "Mickey" Young  
 Jan. 6, 1901-Jan. 9, 1980

Dr. R. O. Young  
 July 31, 1870  
 April 27, 1950

Nita Scranton Young  
 Jan. 12, 1876  
 Nov. 26, 1968

William M. "Jack" Young  
 Oct. 7, 1899-April 20, 1954

Mary Younger  
 May 29, 1847  
 Aug. 3, 1923

Anthony Zagone, Jr.  
 April 29, 1900  
 Jan. 16, 1981

Mrs. Anthony Zagone, Jr.  
 Oct. 5, 1903-April 9, 1964

End

# LAFAYETTE PARISH SUCCESSIONS 1823-1900

*by Rebecca A. Batiste*

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SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
407	Dugat, Marie C.	Jan. 20, 1868
479	Dugat, Marie	Jan. 20, 1868
1127	Dugat, Moise Melanie	Dec. 7, 1867
1241	Dugat, Octavie	Dec. 29, 1869
35	Dugat, Pierre	May 26, 1824
96	Dugat, Pierre	Aug. 22, 1826
120	Dugat, Pierre	Dec. 7, 1827
172	Dugat, Pierre	Nov. 14, 1829
335	Dugat, Pierre	May 13, 1837
1699	Dugat, Rosemond	Jan. 16, 1883
669	Dugat, Adelaide	June 9, 1851
245	Duhon, Agricole	April 16, 1833
496	Duhon, Agricole	Feb. 12, 1844
2000	Duhon, Azelie	Feb. 3, 1894
113	Duhon, Baptist	Aug. 9, 1827
349	Duhon, Blacede	March 28, 1838
238	Duhon, Dagette	Jan. 15, 1833
555	Duhon, Delphi	Jan. 6, 1847
1170	Duhon, Delphi	Feb. 14, 1868
686	Duhon, Deny	Aug. 25, 1851
991	Duhon, Dozite	Aug. 7, 1865
499	Duhon, Elizabeth	Aug. 8, 1844
1468	Duhon, Elizabeth	Oct. 20, 1875
1459	Duhon, Eugene	April 11, 1875
28	Duhon, Firmin	Nov. 23, 1823
1769	Duhon, Jacques	June 1, 1886
2076	Duhon, Jean Jacques Baptiste	May 1, 1896
393	Duhon, Joseph	Oct. 20, 1829
182	Duhon, Joseph	June 7, 1830
1343	Duhon, Joseph	Aug. 1, 1872
123	Duhon, Joseph E.	Jan. 9, 1828
370	Duhon, Margaret	Nov. 17, 1839

SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
595	Duhon, Marguerite	Aug. 27, 1847
41	Duhon, Marie Aspasia	June 15, 1824
371	Duhon, Mare	Nov. 19, 1839
719	Duhon, Marie Adolphina	Feb. 3, 1853
317	Duhon, Marie D. Carmelite	June 24, 1836
2070	Duhon, Onezime	March 2, 1896
461	Duhon, Placide	July 16, 1842
1311	Duhon, Sophia	Feb. 8, 1872
2068	Duhon, Therese	Feb. 1, 1896
1419	Duhon, Treville Toussaint	May 26, 1873
63	Duhon, V. Jean B. Dusteve	May 7, 1825
1725	Duhon, Zelia Trahan	Dec. 10, 1884
586	Duhon, Zephirin	Jan. 12, 1848
428	Dunman, Elizabeth	March 23, 1836
859	Dupleix, Pierre A., Sr.	Oct. 25, 1858
1592	Duplin, Catherine & Robley, Jr.	April 5, 1880
1412	Dupre, Celimene H.	April 7, 1873
1766	Dupuis, Gerard	April 6, 1886
2093	Dupuis, Jean Wartelle	Sept. 30, 1896
1178	Dupuis, Theodore Elizabeth	March 19, 1868
1816	Dupuy, Victoria	Oct. 20, 1887
1457	Dural, Augustin	April 27, 1896
813	Duriot, Simon	April 14, 1857
1230	Durk, Michel	Aug. 30, 1869

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1137	Eastin, Columbus H.	Dec. 2, 1867
1700	Eastin, Ellen	Dec. 13, 1883
1894	Eastin, Hazard	Sept. 8, 1830
265	Eastin, Hebert	Feb. 17, 1834
163	Edes, Charles	Aug. 25, 1869
726	Edwards, Desire	Nov. 24, 1853
3178	Elliott, Ralph W.	June 11, 1896
89	Epin, Mathew	June 8, 1826
1135	Erwin, William B.	Nov. 28, 1867
2087	Esswein, George M.	June 11, 1896
1869	Estilette, Cecile	Sept. 24, 1889
90	Etie, Pierre	June 22, 1826

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1021	Fabre, Dormeville Joseph	Nov. 6, 1865
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SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
1405	Fabre, Jean	Jan. 6, 1873
982	Fabre, Susanne	Nov. 17, 1864
1314	Fabre, Treville	Feb. 29, 1872
1098	Fabre, Victor	Oct. 25, 1866
458	Fack, Marie	May 3, 1842
297	Fastin, Angele	April 24, 1835
80	Fastin, Dame Ursule	Jan. 2, 1826
218	Fastin, Emelia	March 8, 1830
232	Fastin, Jacques	Nov. 1832
1918	Fastin, Lodoiska	Jan. 29, 1891
1050	Fastin, Marguerite	Jan. 23, 1866
1818	Figaro, Edvard	Nov. 8, 1887
1222	Finley, E. C. Willis	May 8, 1869
1333	Fletcher, John Lafayette, Jr.	Aug. 1, 1872
1336	Floreas, Joseph	Aug. 1, 1872
1129	Flowers, Sidney P.	Nov. 22, 1867
2041	Floyd, T. M.	April 4, 1895
1349	Fontenette, Jacques	Aug. 1, 1872
287	Fontenette, Louise	Sept. 10, 1834
2148	Foote, Lessin, Jr.	Dec. 20, 1898
2029	Foote, Michel	Dec. 20, 1894
1824	Foreman, Aleibiade	Dec. 7, 1887
1461	Foreman, Aleibiades	April 9, 1890
876	Foreman, Asa William	June 13, 1859
782	Foreman, Asa, Jr.	Nov. 26, 1855
1166	Foreman, Cordelic	Jan. 24, 1866
1776	Foreman, Eclaster	Sept. 13, 1886
1953	Foreman, Elizabeth	June 6, 1892
1848	Foreman, Garland	Oct. 24, 1888
1978	Foreman, George	March 15, 1893
711	Foreman, Joseph	Oct. 9, 1852
1136	Foreman, Lafayette	Jan. 4, 1866
1667	Foreman, Lafayette	Nov. 4, 1882
490	Foreman, Levina	Dec. 5, 1843
720	Foreman, Margaret	Feb. 23, 1853
1445	Foreman, Mathilde	July 23, 1874
1649	Foreman, Melanie	April 22, 1882
1254	Foreman, Mendana	April 5, 1870
1873	Foreman, Nathan & Theresa	Oct. 24, 1888
753	Foreman, Nathan	Oct. 10, 1854
673	Foreman, Neville	June 17, 1851
820	Foreman, Rachel	June 22, 1857
1011	Foreman, Ralph	Oct. 2, 1865
983	Foreman, Theophilus	March 6, 1865
1305	Foreman, Theophilus R.	Oct. 24, 1871

SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
826	Foreman, Tillatha	Oct. 29, 1857
1464	Foreman, Zephirin	Sept. 9, 1875
583	Forestier, Antoine	Nov. 27, 1847
278	Foster, Levi	April 16, 1834
1676	Fournet, Mathilde Michell	March 21, 1883
2040	Francez, Abosla Broussard	March 29, 1895
2147	Francez, Adele	Dec. 24, 1898
2085	Francez, Aristide	May 26, 1896
1967	Francez, Dr. R. J.	Dec. 2, 1892
1588	Francis, Alexandre R.	Jan. 22, 1880
1899	Francois, Joseph	Nov. 5, 1890
942	Franklin, Willie Fanny	Feb. 11, 1862
162	Frederick, Antoine	April 7, 1829
804	Frederick, Marie	Dec. 12, 1856
181	Frederick, Sylvian	April 8, 1829
1407	Freedman, Rose Payne	March 3, 1873
1407	Freeman, Rose	March 3, 1873
1277	Freeman, Rose	Dec. 5, 1890
1335	Fregavie, Louis	Aug. 1, 1872

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1483	Gagneaux, Rene	March 28, 1876
1428	Gardner, Frank	Sept. 26, 1873
1153	Gardner, John J.	Jan. 3, 1868
1372	Garret, Joshua	Aug. 1, 1872
476	Gary, Louis	March 13, 1843
1986	Gathe, Felicie, Jr.	Nov. 8, 1893
1434	Gathe, Louis	Dec. 11, 1873
295	Gaudin, Pierre	Jan. 10, 1835
1790	Garthreau, Emma	Jan. 26, 1887
648	Gautier, Francoi	June 17, 1850
74	Gautreaux, Sophie	Nov. 10, 1825
2173	Gentil, Louise	Jan. 25, 1900
2052	Gerac, Jean	Sept. 12, 1895
2109	Gerac, Pierre	June 9, 1897
1143	Germain, Jean	Dec. 13, 1867
308	Geroin, Anne	Oct. 10, 1835
1819	Gilbert, Fanelie	Aug. 19, 1890
1871	Girard, Felix Carmelite	Oct. 22, 1889
1168	Girard, Marie	Feb. 7, 1868
1025	Giroir, Adelaide	Nov. 28, 1865
1139	Giroir, Adelaide	Dec. 9, 1867
1721	Giroir, Adelaide	Sept. 9, 1884

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# THE TRAHAN FAMILY

*by Betty Pourciaux*

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## Children of Sylvestre Trahan and Ursule Darois

Sylvestre Trahan, born 1724, Pisiguit, son of Jean Trahan and Charlotte Comeaux, married 1747, Grand Pre, to Ursule Darois, daughter of Jerome Darois and Marie Gareau.

Children of Sylvestre Trahan and Ursule Darois:

1. Joseph—born October 1748, Pisiguit.
2. Mathurin—born May 1750, Pisiguit, married 1777, to Nicole Marie Louise LeLuc.
3. Jean Charles—born August 1752, Pisiguit, married 1783 to Marie Renée LeLuc.
4. Simon—born November 1754, Pisiguit, married Marie Françoise Querel.
5. Romain—born April 1756, Liverpool, England, married 1783 to Anne Kerdonis. Romain died in 1801.

## Children of Sylvestre Trahan and Françoise Martin

Sylvester Trahan, son of Jean Trahan and Charlotte Comeau, married a second time on 16 June 1777, Belle-Isle-en-Mer, to Françoise Martin, daughter of Michel Martin and Madeleine Girouard. Sylvestre died in 1786, Belle-Isle-en-Mer. Françoise died 1781.

Children of Sylvestre Trahan and Françoise Martin:

1. Mathurin—born 1781. Died 1781.
2. Joseph—born 1781. Died 1781.

## Children of Paul Trahan and Marie Arsenault

Paul Trahan, born 1751, son of Joseph Trahan and Marie Blanchard, married 1786, Bangor, to Marie Arsenault, daughter of Jean Arsenault and Madeleine Boudrot. Paul died 1826, Sauzon. Marie died 1841, Triboutous.

Children of Paul Trahan and Marie Arsenault:

1. Rene August—born 1788, died young.
2. Marie Vicente—born 1791.
3. Jean Nicolas—born 1797, died young.
4. Jean Simon—born 1800.
5. Virginie—born 1802.

## Children of Chrysostome Trahan and Anne Granger

Chrysostome Trahan, born 1740, Grand Pre, son of Joseph Trahan and Marie Blanchard, married 10 January 1763, Falmouth, England, to Anne Granger (born 1743, Grand Pre), daughter of Jean Baptiste Granger and Madeleine Landry. Chrysostome arrived in Louisiana on 7

November 1785. Chrysostome was buried on 2 November 1815 at 75 years old, Assumption Parish, Louisiana.

Children of Chrysostome Trahan and Anne Granger:

1. Leon—born 1765.
2. Anne Julie—born 1765, married 27 October 1787 (ASC, 2,10), to Joseph LeBlanc, son of Jean LeBlanc and Judith Landry.
3. Marie Madeleine—born 1768, Belle-Isle-en mer, France. Married 26 May 1788, Donaldsonville, Louisiana, to François Boudeloche, son of François Boudeloche and Anne Doucet.
4. Marie Marthe—born 1770.
5. Jean Baptiste—married 17 October 1802 (ASM-2,71) to Magdaleine Guidry, daughter of Joseph Guidry and Isabel Breaux.
6. Joseph—married 11 June 1804 to Henriette LeBlanc.
7. Marie—married 27 October 1800 (ASM-2,57) to Joseph Daigre, son of Alexis Daigre and Isabel Granger.
8. Marguerite—married 8 August 1802 (ASM-2,68) to Joseph Maltrejean, son of Antoine Metrejean and Marie Duhon.
9. Reine Sophie—baptized 20 March 1784
10. Jean Chrysostome—born 1774.

#### Children of Simon Pierre Trahan and Marie Josephe Granger

Simon Pierre Trahan, born 25 March 1735, Pisiguit, son of Joseph Trahan and Marie Blanchard, married 18 November 1758, Falmouth, England to Marie Joseph Granger (born 8 September 1738), daughter of François Granger and Anne Landry. This family arrived in Louisiana on 19 August 1785.

Children of Simon Pierre Trahan and Marie Josephe Granger:

1. Jean Baptiste—born 1760, Falmouth, England. Married 22 May 1786 (St. Gabriel-4,3#7) to Anne Genevieve Daigre, daughter of Simon Pierre Daigre and Marie Madeleine Theriot.
2. Joseph Simon Jude—born 1761, Falmouth, England. Died by 1785.
3. Simon Pierre—born 1763, died by 1785.
4. Paul Raymond—born 1765, Morlaix, France. Married 26 November 1789 (PCP-19,27) to Isabelle Daigle, daughter of Dimon Pierre Daigle and Marie Madeleine Theriot.
5. Esprit Etienne August—born 1767, buried 17 April 1781 (14 years) Paimboeuf.
6. Marie Madeleine—born 1769, buried 24 April 1781 (11 Years) Paimboeuf.
7. Marie Reine—married 13 April 1795 (SJO-3,889) to Eli Comeaux, son of Joseph Comeaux and Marie Teriaut. Married a second time on 21 November 1815 to Joseph Lelong, son of Honore Lelong and Madalena Ascon.
8. Marie Marguerite—baptized 2 March 1777 Paimboeuf. Married 19 November 1804 to Pierre Dounet, son of Jean Baptiste Dounet and Loisetie Pepina. She married a second time on 24 January 1820 to Etienne Ardorien, son of Etienne Ardorien and Marie Joseph Lapointe.
9. Jean Baptiste—baptized 21 May 1779, buried 26 December 1779, Paimboeuf.

#### Children of Joseph Trahan and Anne Granger

Joseph Trahan, born 1731, son of Joseph Trahan and Marie Blanchard, married 22 August 1757, Falmouth, England to Anne Granger (born 3 September 1736—died 20 January

1806 Baton Rouge, La.), daughter of François Marie Granger and Anne Landry. Joseph was buried on 1 December 1778 (47 years) Paimboeuf.

Children of Joseph Trahan and Anne Granger:

1. Marie Madeleine—born 21 December 1758, Falmouth, England. Married 21 April 1785, Paimboeuf, to Antoline Julien Archier.

2. Anne Marguerite—born 1760.

3. Joseph -born 1763, Morlaix, France. Married 7 January 1800 (SGA-14,27#102) to Marguerite Josephe Doiron, widow of Victor Daigle, daughter of Jean Doiron and Anne Thibodeaux.

4. Jean Baptiste—born 1766, Belle-Isle-en-mer.

5. Simon Pierre—born 1766, Belle-Isle-en-mer.

6. Marie Anne—born 1768, Morlaix, France. Married 22 May 1804 (SJO 3,42) to Jean Provost, son of Pierre Provost and Françoise Gauthier.

7. Marie Julie—born 1771, married 11 June 1793 (SJO 3,2) to Jean Baptiste Daigre, son of Olivier Daigre and Marie Blanche LeBlanc. Marie Julie died 29 January 1817, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

8. François—married 6 March 1804 (SGA 14,50) to Marie Madeleine LeBlanc, daughter of Joseph LeBlanc and Magdalene Landry.

## SIXTH GENERATION

### Children of Jean Marie Trahan and Isabelle Duhon

Jean Marie Trahan, born 1775, son of Joachim Trahan and Marie Duhon, married 2 August 1796, (St. Martinville, La. Vol. 4#131), to Isabelle Duhon..

Children of Jean Marie Trahan and Isabelle Duhon:

1. Joseph Eufroy—born 21 November 1796 (St. Martinville, Vol.4#915 ). He died on 25 December 1797 (St. Martinville, Vol. 4#132).

2. Marie Joseph (Josephine)—born 2 October 1798. (St. Martinville, Vol5#109)

3. Joseph Onezime—born 8 November 1800 (St. Martinville, Vol.5#373)

### Children of Simon Trahan and Jeanne Droual

Simon Trahan, born 1762, son of Joachim Trahan and Marie Duhon, married in 1783 at Locmaria, Canada to Jeanne Droual, daughter of Michel Droual and Marie Michelle Gallen.

Children of Simon Trahan and Jeanne Droual:

1. Marie Louise—born 1784, died young.

2. Jeanne Marie—born 1787.

3. Vincent—born 1791.

4. Louise—born 1793.

5. Charles—born 1796.

6. Marie Catherine—born 1798.

7. Mario—born 1800, died young.

8. Maurice—born 1803.

### Children of August François Trahan and Marie Angele Faustin

August François Trahan, born 1767, Belle-Isle-en-mer, son of Joachim Trahan and Marie Duhon, married 30 July 1793 (St. Martinville, Vol. 4 #84 ), to Marie Angele Faustin, (baptized 5 May 1776, St. Martin Vol. 1 p. 46--died 16 September 1840), daughter of Jacques Faustin and Marie Françoise Trahan. August François died 6 December 1800 (35 years) St. Martinville, Vol. 4 #225. Marie Angele married a second time to François Labauve.

Children of August François Trahan and Marie Angele Faustin:

1. Joseph Lufroy—born 1796 ( St. Martinville, Vol. 4 #915)

Married 15 September 1817 (St. Martinville, Vol. 6 #59 ), to Julie Hardouin.

2. Jacques—born 28 March 1797 (St. Martinville, Vol. 4 #914).

### Children of Joseph Trahan and Marie Françoise Thomas

Joseph Trahan, born 1760, son of Joachim Trahan and Marie Duhon, married 1783 to Marie Françoise Thomas, daughter of Dame L'Hermite de Kerdonis, at Locmaria, Canada.

Children of Joseph Trahan and Marie Françoise Thomas:

1. Marie Augustine—born 1784.

2. Jean Marie Barnabe—born 1786.

3. Luc—born 1788, died young.

4. Jacques Marie —born 1790.

5. Pierre François—born 1792.

6. Marie Rose—born 1794

7. Luc—born 1797.

8. Marie Jeanne—born 1800.

### Children of Charles Trahan and Marie Landraux

Charles Trahan, born 1766, son of Charles Trahan and Marguerite Thibodeaux, married 28 August 1790 (St. Martinville Vol 4 #34) to Marie Landraux, (St. James on the river), daughter of François Landraux and Genevieve Hebert. In 1777, Charles was 11 years, probably an orphan living with Alexis Breaux, brother in law of his father..

Children of Charles Trahan and Marie Landraux:

1. Edouard—born 1793. Died 30 July 1795 (St. Martinville Vol. 4 #84).

2. Lidie—born 1793.

3. Nicolas Denis—born 5 August 1795 (St. Martinville Vol. 4 #813).

4. Denise—born 30 September 1798 (St. Martinville Vol. 5 #110). Married 5 February 1821 to Jean Laviolette (St. Martinville Vol. 6 #233). She married a second time on 24 November 1841 (St. Martinville Vol. 8 #195) to Jacques Gaz.

5. Claire—born 15 September 1800 (St. Martinville Vol. 5 #356), married 10 May 1824 (St. Martinville Vol. 6 #358) to Balthasar Allemmand.

6. Hiliare—born 9 July 1804 (St. Martinville Vol. 7 #70), married 14 October 1833 (St. Martinville Vol. 7 #261) to Célestine Picard.

7. Marie Anastasie—born 9 September 1806 (St., Martinville Vol. 7#71), married 6 February 1826 (St. Martinville Vol. 78), to Joseph Theriot.
8. Madeleine—born 12 May 1809 (St. Martinville Vol. 7#280), married 8 August 1825 (St. Martinville Vol.7#3) to Jean Martin, son of Jean James Martin and Catherine Millon.
9. Guillaume—born 7 July 1812 (St. martinville Vol. 6 # 1465), married 23 June 1834 (St. Martinville Vol. 7#291) to Celeste Coralie Bouillion of Iberville.
10. Adelaide—married 4 June 1821 (St. Martin Courthouse:OA-34-4564) to Cyrille Landry.

#### Children of Jean Marie Trahan and Adelaide Tullier

Jean Marie Trahan, born 17 June 1765, son of Louis Athanase Trahan and Marguerite LeBlanc, married 13 February 1790 (PCP-19,30) to Adelaide (Aimee Constance Adele Tullier)Tulier of Cherbourg, Normandy, France, daughter of Reynald Tulier and Collette Reine.

Children of Jean Marie Trahan and Adelaide Tullier:

1. Jean Joseph—born 19 June 1793 (St. Joseph-1,1), married 6 July 1818 (St. Joseph) to Adele Renaud, daughter of Pierre David Renaud and Anne Rousseau.
2. Maria—born 4 April 1803 (St. Joseph-1,214), married 14 April 1817 (St. Gabriel) to Joseph LeBlanc, son of Joseph LeBlanc and Julie Trahan.

#### Children of Mathurin Trahan and Nicole Marie Louise LeLuc

Mathurin Trahan, born 1750, son of Sylvestre Trahan and Ursule Darois, married 1777, Sauzon (Canada) to Nicole Marie Louise LeLuc, daughter of Pierre Le Luc and Jeanne Thomas. This family living at Locmaria in 1792.

Children of Mathurin Trahan and Nicole Marie Louise Le Luc:

1. Charles Marie—born 1777.
2. Louis François—born 1778.
3. Simon Marie—born 1780. Died young.
4. Andre -born 1781.
5. Marguerite—born 1783.
6. Jeanne Marie—born 1785. Died young.
7. Pierre François—born 1787.
8. Jeanne Perrine—born 1789.
9. Louis Marie—born 1791.

#### Jean Charles Trahan and Marie Renée Le Luc

Jean Charles Trahan, born 1752, son of Sylvestre Trahan and Ursule Darois, married 1783 to Marie Renée ZLe Luc. This family lived at Kergostiau (Canada).

Children of Jean Charles Trahan and Marie Renée Le Luc:

1. Helene -b orn 1784, died young.
2. Marie Jeanne—born 1785.
3. Marie Anne—born 1787.

4. Helene—born 1789.
5. Marguerite—born 1791.
6. Rose Sophie—born 1793, died young.
7. Charles—born 1794.
8. Julie—born 1799.

#### Simon Trahan and Marie Françoise Querel

Simon Trahan, born 1754, son of Sylvestre Trahan and Ursule Darois, married 1788 Sauzon (Canada), to Marie Francoise Querel.

Child of Simon Trahan and Marie Françoise Querel:

1. Marie Francoise—born 1791.

#### Romain Trahan and Anne Kerdonis

Romain Trahan, born 1756, son of Sylvestre Trahan and Ursule Darois, married 1783 Sauzon (Canada) to Anne Kerdonis. Romain died 1806 at Quiberton, Canada.

Children of Romain Trahan and Anne Kerdonis:

1. Ursule—born 1784.
2. Pelagie—born 1785.
3. Pierre—born 1794, died before 1814.
4. Dominique—born 1797, died before 1817.
5. Marie Louise Antoinette—born 1797.
6. Marie Julienne—born 1801.

#### Joseph Trahan and Henriette LeBlanc

Joseph Trahan, son of Chrysostome Trahan and Anne Granger, married 11 June 1804, Ascension Parish, Louisiana, to Henriette LeBlanc. Joseph died 25 July 1815 at 36 years at Assumption Parish, Louisiana.

Children of Joseph Trahan and Henriette LeBlanc:

1. Marie Henriette—born 29 May 1805 (ASM-6,72), married 2 September 1822 (ASM-7,106) to Thomas François Etienne, son of Thomas François Etienne and Marie Anne Firard.
2. Carmelite—baptized 18 October 1807, at 11 months (Ascension 5, 299) Buried 9 July 1811 at 4yrs 8 months (Assumption 3,69).
3. Joseph Narcisse—born 15 September 1808 (ASM-6,142), married 23 February 1829 (ASM-7,180) to Eleonore Landry, daughter of Alexandre Landry and Colette Hebert.
4. Auguste Drusino—born 5 July 1811 (ASM 6,220), married 16 November 1835 (St. James 2,208) to Marie Stephanie Serre, daughter of dec'd Hugue Serre and Euphrosie Bergeron.
5. Trasimond —married 4 February 1839 (ASM7,311) to Clementine Savoy, daughter of Joseph Savoy and Marcellite Rousseau.

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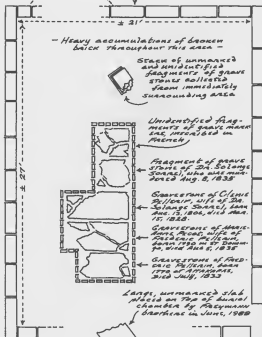
# Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Plot = Detail =

Scale: 1 inch = 5 feet

0' 5' 10'  
Distance and Direction  
are only Approximate

Remains of what  
appears to have  
been a vaulted crypt  
or burial chamber

± 135' to Bayou Tche



Perimeter of Plot  
lined by cut blocks  
of granite. All but  
two of the iron fence  
posts that were orig-  
inally set in the blocks  
are now missing.

- Heavy accumulations of broken  
brick throughout this area -

Stack of unmarked  
and unidentified  
fragments of grave  
stones collected  
from immediately  
surrounding area

Unidentified frag-  
ments of grave mark-  
ers, interred in  
French

Fragment of grave  
stone of DA. Solange  
Sorrel, who was mar-  
ried Aug. 8, 1838

Gravestone of Clémie  
Pellerin, wife of DA.  
Solange Sorrel, born  
Aug. 13, 1806, died Nov.  
15, 1888

Gravestone of Marie-  
Anne Pellerin, wife of  
Frederic Pellerin, born  
1800 in St. Domin-  
go, died Aug. 6, 1838

Gravestone of Fred-  
eric Pellerin, born  
1800 at Antigua, died  
July, 1833

Large, unmarked slab  
placed on top of burial  
chamber by Freymann  
brothers in June, 1988

Displaced section of  
granite perimeter

Despite efforts to  
clear, the entire  
area shown here  
remains heavily  
overgrown with  
weeds, brush and  
trees. Much of the  
granite-block perim-  
eter is lost to view  
beneath soil, brick  
rubble and turf.

**NOTE:** When discovered in  
December, 1987, all of the  
gravestones had been removed  
from their original positions  
within the granite perimeter and  
been thrown into the brush to the  
west and southwest. Some were par-  
tially or totally buried. The Freymann  
brothers retrieved them and placed  
them in their present locations in  
June, 1988. The border of broken  
bricks surrounding the stones was  
also added at that time.

Remains of what appears  
to have been main vaulted crypt  
or burial chamber. Brick work  
lies immediately below the surface  
on front (SW) edge. Last resting  
place of Jacques Joseph Sorrel and  
his distant cousin, (Ct.) Antoine Sorrel  
des Rivières?

± 20' to edge of  
clump of trees  
and open field

Figure 1

# THE SORREL/PELLERIN BURIAL GROUND

by  
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The Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Ground is located on what was once the Jacques Sorrel Plantation in St. Mary Parish just south of Jeanerette, Louisiana. The acreage is now known as the "Matilda Plantation," and is rented by a local sugar cane grower named Jessie Breaux.

Lamentably, the cemetery is now in a sad state of disrepair. Virtually all of the tombstones that remain are badly shattered, and a large amount of broken brick suggests that many other grave markers have long since disappeared. Judging by the weathering of the remaining fragments, the desecration of the burial ground took place more than a century ago. In all probability, the damage was done by Union forces during the War Between the States. In his study entitled *Yankee Autumn in Acadian*,<sup>1</sup> David C. Edmonds notes that, in the spring of 1863, Maj. Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks' army "swept through Sorrel's property with some fifteen thousand bluecoats, whose depots, garrisons, trains, detachments, transports and civil staff . . . lingered about until June. . . . They . . . helped themselves freely to everything from barnyard chickens to sugar in the sucrerie. Fences [were] destroyed, livestock taken, the grounds trampled and damaged . . . ." In October of that same year, Maj. Gen. Franklin's 19th Army Corps and General George F. McGinnis's 13th Army Corps also paid a visit to the Sorrel Plantation and left devastation in their wakes.

In June, 1988, Dr. John Gordon Freymann, Dr. Moye Wicks Freymann and Jarvis M. Freymann—great, great, great grandsons of one of the early settlers interred in the cemetery—partially cleared the site and attempted to restore some semblance of order to the disordered scene. The simple truth, however, is that little remains of what once must have been a handsome place of rest. The burial ground has now become little more than a jungle of roots, weeds and broken brick and stone, and it is not likely that it will survive much longer unless some effort is made to properly mark and protect it.

Although there is no exact record of when the Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Ground first came into being, it seems reasonable to assume that it was established upon the death of Jacques Joseph Sorrel—the original founder of the plantation—in June, 1816. As will be shown below, it is known that Col. Antoine Sorrel de Rivière was interred beside his distant cousin Jacques Joseph Sorrel in May, 1830. Gravestones at the site indicate that the burial ground continued to be used at least as late as 1835. The lack of any evidence of repairs having been made following the damage done during the Civil War strongly suggests that the cemetery has not been used since the middle of the last century, or perhaps even earlier.

## *Burials Known to Have Taken Place in the Cemetery*

Although no grave markers for Jacques Joseph Sorrel or for Col. Antoine Sorrel des Rivières have been found, there can be no doubt that they were buried in this place. As will be seen from the obituary, published in the *Attakapas Gazette*, of May 15, 1830, Col. Antoine Sorrel died at the

<sup>1</sup>David C. Edmonds, *Yankee Autumn in Acadiana: A Narrative of the Great Texas Overland Expedition Through Southwestern Louisiana, October-December 1863* (Lafayette, Louisiana, 1979), pp. 51-56.

home of Frederick Pellerin (then the owner of what had been the Jacques Joseph Sorrel Plantation) on May 9, 1830. In a letter <sup>2</sup> of June 3, 1830, Jacques Joseph Sorrel's nephew and heir, Martial Sorrel, wrote Antoine's son Francis, then a merchant in Savannah, to inform him of Antoine's death:

I am about to give you sad news, but for which you must have been in hourly expectation. Your father is no more. He was taken from us on the 9th of May at three o'clock in the morning in the 93rd year of his age after displaying to his last moments a composure and resignation truly heroic. . . . My brother (Antoine Sorrel "le Jeune") and I, who loved him as a father and revered him as a being on earth the living image of the goodness of Heaven, have deeply felt his loss. His coffin, deposited by the side of our uncle (Jacques Joseph Sorrel), was bedewed with our most sincere tears . . .

In a letter dated July 25, 1892, J. Sully Martel, a prominent attorney of Franklin, Louisiana, informed Antoine's grandson, Dr. Louis François Mathurin Sorrel, Jr., that his grandfather, Col. Antoine Sorrel, "died in 1830, at the age of 98 (sic) years and is buried in the old Family Grave-Yard, on the Pellerin Plantation, now owned by Millard Bosworth." As is clearly shown on a map dated 1893 displayed in the courthouse in Franklin, this Bosworth property and the former Jacques Joseph Sorrel property were one and the same.

Four other persons known to have been buried in the Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Ground (evidenced by their tombstones) were:

1. *Frederic Pellerin*, son of Gregoire Pellerin, who was born in the Attakapas District in 1770, married on July 23, 1805, to Marie-Anne Pecot, and died at his home (the former Jacques Joseph Sorrel Plantation) on July 1, 1833.
2. *Marie-Anne Pecot Pellerin*, daughter of Rosalie Prejean Pecot and François Pecot, who was born on the island of Santo Domingo, circa 1790, married Frederic Pellerin on July 23, 1805, and died on August 5, 1835.
3. *Cécile Rosalie Cilenie Pellerin Sorrel*, daughter of Frederic Pellerin and Marie-Anne Pecot, who was born in the Attakapas on August 13, 1806, married to Dr. Solange Sorrel on October 10, 1820, and died on March 15, 1828.
4. *Dr. Antoine François Solange Sorrel*, son of Antoine Sorrel "le Jeune" (and nephew of Jacques Joseph Sorrel), who was born in France and first came to America sometime between 1816 and 1820, married Cécile Rosalie Cilenie Pellerin on October 10, 1820, and was murdered "at the hands of Negroes of an adjoining plantation" (for which "five of them dropped from the gallows") on August 8, 1835.

#### *Historical and Genealogical Notes*

The relationship between Jacques Joseph Sorrel and his distant cousin, Col. Antoine Sorrel des Rivières, is best stated by saying that Jacques Joseph Sorrel's grandfather Claude Sorrel (born on May 3, 1646 at Pollénas, a small village some 10 miles west-northwest of Grenoble, France) and Col. Antoine Sorrel des Rivières' great grandfather Pierre Sorrel (born on January 6,

<sup>2</sup> The original letter was lost during the last century. This appears to be a somewhat imperfect translation from the original French.

1648 at Poliénas) were brothers. Although Jacques Joseph Sorrel was born at l'Albence, a village immediately southwest of Poliénas, and Col. Antoine Sorrel des Rivières was born at Grenoble, 10 miles away, it is more than likely that they knew one another in childhood and shared common memories. These ties would bring them together again later in life—and in death.

Jacques Joseph Sorrel, the son of Claude François Sorrel, was born at l'Albence on January 7, 1742. Little is known of his early life, but family tradition (supported by J. Sully Martel's account) suggests that Jacques Joseph had a "misalliance" with a peasant girl in France which ultimately led to his being disinherited. He subsequently came to America to seek his fortune, and first appears in the records of Attakapas District in 1758,<sup>3</sup> when he was sixteen years old.

It should be mentioned here that, in an article entitled "Fortune and Misfortune: The Sorrel Family in Louisiana, 1763-1900" published in the *Attakapas Gazette* in 1987, Gertrude C. Taylor speculated that Jacques Joseph Sorrel might have come to Louisiana as a French military officer in 1762 and settled in the Attakapas the following year. No military records exist to support this thesis, and the registration of Jacques Joseph Sorrel's cattle brand in 1758 appears to offer conclusive proof of his having arrived in the area at an earlier date. It is true, however, that Jacques Joseph did serve as an officer in the Attakapas Militia during the period of Spanish control in Louisiana (1762-1803). The *Records of Attakapas District* compiled by Mary Elizabeth Sanders show "Don Santiago Sorrel" (elsewhere identified as Jacques Joseph Sorrel) listed as a militia lieutenant as early as February 22, 1776, and the *S.A.R., Spanish Records: Spanish-English War 1779-1783*, indicate that Jacques Joseph Sorrel was among the patriots listed on the roster of "La Compagnie de Milice des Attakapas" on May 1, 1777. Sorrel is believed to have participated in Galvez's attacks on the British at Baton Rouge, Mobile, and Pensacola in 1779, 1780 and 1781, and his name appears among the officers of the Attakapas Company, Militia of Attakapas, in 1782. His name—"Lt. Dn. Joseph Sorrel"—continued to be listed in the general census of the militia in 1792, and in 1799 he was captain and interim commandant of the Attakapas Post. Although his military service was performed under another flag, there can be no doubt that Jacques Joseph Sorrel was an active participant in what has now come to be called the American Revolutionary War, and it would seem fitting to provide some marker to this effect at his burial site.

Sometime after his arrival in the Attakapas, Jacques Joseph Sorrel became closely associated with Gregoire Pellerin, another rancher and farmer who had come to Louisiana from Acadia. Gregoire's plantation adjoined Sorrel's, and when Gregoire died in 1776, Jacques Joseph—a bachelor—became a trusted counselor to his former partner's widow, Cecilia Prejean Pellerin, and a surrogate father and mentor to her four young children Eugenia, Emélie, Frédéric and Marie Josephe.

Jacques Joseph Sorrel eventually became one of the Attakapas District's<sup>4</sup> largest landowners; according to Gertrude C. Taylor, "when titles were certified in 1811, he owned more than 4,000 acres of land, stretching from the west bank of Bayou Teche southward over the prairie and along the ridges on either side of Bayou Cypremort almost to its mouth in West Cote

<sup>3</sup> "Brand Book for Opelousas and Attakapas District, Louisiana, 1739-1811" cited in Mary Elizabeth Sanders, *Records of Attakapas District, Louisiana, 1739-1811*, (1962). These records show that a cattle brand was first registered under Joseph Sorrel's name in 1758.

<sup>4</sup> As noted by Mary Elizabeth Sanders, the Attakapas District originally included "the present parishes of St. Martin, St. Mary, Lafayette, Vermilion and Iberia. Prior to 1765 the population consisted of only a few indians, trappers, traders and ranch owners."

Blanche Bay." When Cecilia Prejean Pellerin died on January 7, 1808, her children came to lean even more heavily upon their father's old partner, and it is not surprising that when Jacques Joseph Sorrel suddenly died "at the Chitemaches Indians" (at Indian Bend, now Charenton) on June 11, 1816, the Pellerin children figured prominently in his "succession." Although no copy of the will has been found, the ultimate primary beneficiary appears to have been Gregoire and Cecilia Prejean Pellerin's son Frédéric. More will be said about him her later.

*Col. Antoine Sorrel des Rivières*, the son of Antoine Sorrel, was born at Grenoble, France, on September 6, 1737. He matriculated at the School of Engineers at Grenoble in 1754, and three years later was appointed aide-de-camp to the Comte de Balleron, second in command of the army of the Duc d'Aiguillon on the Brittany coast. Following service in the 1757, 1758 and 1761 campaigns of the Seven Years' War, he received a brevet as Geographical Engineer, and on May 1, 1763 was commissioned Lieutenant of Infantry and sent to map the island of Santo Domingo (Haiti). Appointed Engineer of the Fortress of Santo Domingo in 1769, Sorrel was commissioned Captain of Infantry in the Colonies by Louis XV on July 29, 1771. In 1780 he was appointed Engineer-in-Chief of the Department of the West in Santo Domingo, and on September 30, 1786 he was made a Chevalier of the Military Order of Saint Louis. He was promoted to Major in 1788, and in 1803 became Colonel of Engineers and Director of Fortifications and of the Topographical Bureau of the Army of the West. In addition to his important work as a cartographer during his four decades in Haiti, Sorrel is also said to have been instrumental in supplying the capital, Port au Prince, with an abundant water system and other vital improvements.

Col. Sorrel's first wife was a Mlle. de Bellechasse, by whom he had a daughter and a son. His second wife, whom he married in the year 1792, was Eugénie de Sutr . By this marriage there was one son, Fran oise Mathurin Sorrel, born on May 4, 1793, at Mirago ne, Parish of Petit Go ve, Santo Domingo. This child—the Freymann brothers' great, great grandfather—was to live a long and productive life of 77 years; his mother survived only 49 more days, dying on June 23, 1793.

Those were stormy times in Santo Domingo. Beginning in 1791, the island became the scene of a bloody insurrection, culminating in the expulsion of the French military forces a little over a decade later. In the midst of this turmoil, Col. Sorrel's plantation was destroyed and he became separated from his young son, who found refuge with family friends and relatives in Port au Prince. Following the capitulation of the French military forces at the end of 1803, Col. Sorrel, having lost his home and fortune, was forced to seek refuge in Cuba. When Jacques Joseph Sorrel learned of the plight of his relative, he immediately sent his young friend Frederic Pellerin, the son of his former partner Gregoire Pellerin, to bring Col. Sorrel from Havana to live with him on the plantation in Attakapas. According to J. Sully Martel's account, Jacques Joseph Sorrel not only offered his kinsman his hospitality, but also "made him 'une Rente,' gave him a negro servant named Raymond, and always gave him the kindest of care." Following Jacques Joseph Sorrel's death, the same kindnesses continued to be offered to the old colonel by Jacques Joseph's protég  and heir, Frederic Pellerin. Col. Sorrel is believed to have first arrived at the plantation in Attakapas in late 1804 or early 1805; when he died on May 9, 1830, he had been in residence for more than a quarter of a century. Having been treated as a brother by Jacques Joseph Sorrel and having been looked upon as almost a father by the Pellerin children following Jacques Joseph's death, it is not surprising that "his coffin, deposited by the side of (their) uncle, was bedewed with (their) most sincere tears."

*Fr d ric Pellerin*, the son of Gregoire and Cecilia Prejean Pellerin, was born—as noted above—in the Attakapas District in 1770, married on July 23, 1805 to Marie-Anne Pecot, and died

on July 1st, 1833. There were three children by this marriage: Charles Frederick Pellerin (of whom nothing further is heard); Cecile Rosalie Cilenie Pellerin (b. August 13, 1806; m. Oct. 10, 1820 to Dr. Antoine Françoise Solange Sorrel (a son of Jacques Joseph Sorrel's brother, Antoine Sorrel "le Jeune"; d. March 15, 1828); and Marie Rose Angelique Desiree Coralie Pellerin (m. February 6, 1834 to Martial Sorrel (another son of Antoine Sorrel "le Jeune"); d. May 18, 1842 in France.

It was this same Frédéric Pellerin whom Jacques Joseph Sorrel sent to Havana to summon his distant cousin, Col. Antoine Sorrel des Rivières, in late 1804 or early 1805. He, his wife Marie-Anne Pecot Pellerin, and his daughter (Cecile Rosalie Cilenie Pellerin) and son-in-law (Dr. Antoine Françoise Solange Sorrel) lie buried near Jacques Joseph Sorrel and Col. Sorrel in the Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Ground.

*Dr. Antoine François Solange Sorrel*, was born in l'Albence on August 22, 1793, completed his training in medicine in France, and came to America sometime between 1816 and 1820. He married Frederic Pellerin's daughter Cecile Rosalie Cilenie Pellerin at St. Martin's Church on October 10, 1820. The story of his violent and untimely death on August 8, 1835, is told in Gertrude C. Taylor's article ("Fortune and Misfortune: The Sorrel Family in Louisiana") cited earlier:

A New Orleans newspaper (the *New Orleans Bee*, August 19, 1834) carried this first account:

'Mr. Solange (Sorrel), a respectable sugar planter in the Attakapas, when returning a few days since from a visit to a neighbor, and passing a bridge on Bayou Teche, had the contents of a gun lodged in his body. Although he did not die immediately, it is feared that he is mortally wounded. . . '

The next day the same paper carried a more complete and probably more accurate account:

'On Saturday last, at about 9 o'clock p.m., Dr. Solanges (*sic*), who had passed the evening with his brother Martial Solanges, while he was returning home and as he reached the limits of his plantation, received the contents of a gun almost within striking distance. Although he was shot through and through with five slugs or pieces of cut lead, the unfortunate man had strength enough to crawl on his knees a few yards and to utter piercing cries. A female servant, recognizing the voice of her master, called the overseer and the driver who started immediately to his relief and found him expiring.

Dr. Solanges died within an hour and a quarter after being shot; he had not been able to distinguish or recognize anyone and thought that he had been struck by lightning. He knew not that he had a mortal enemy and pardoned his assassin.

A reward of \$2,000, it is said, has been offered to any free person, and \$1,000 and freedom to any slave who will discover the author of this crime.'

The only record of the solution of this crime lies in the memoirs of Francis D. Richardson: 'Dr. Sorrel met an untimely death at the hands of Negroes from an adjoining plantation, for which five of them dropped from the gallows. . . '

Dr. Antoine François Solange Sorrel and his wife, Cilenie, had only one child, Emilie Ernestine Sorrel, who died young. It seems likely that this child may also have been interred in the Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Ground, but no gravestone has been found.

Although neither he nor his wife appear to have been interred in the family's cemetery, it might be useful to say a word here about Dr. Antoine François Solange Sorrel's brother, Martial. *Martial Sorrel*, another son of Jacques Joseph Sorrel's brother Antoine Sorrel "le Jeune," was born at Chantesse—a village between Poliénas and l'Albence, France—on November 28, 1794. Before coming to America, he studied law and became an "Advocat a la Cour Royale" in Paris. He was married at St. Martin Church on February 6, 1834, to Marie Rose Angélique Désirée Coralie Pellerin, the sister of Dr. Solange Sorrel's wife Cilenie. It was this Martial Sorrel who wrote the letter informing Francis Sorrel of the death of his father, Col. Antoine Sorrel des Rivières in 1830. When his brother Solange was murdered in 1835—leaving neither wife nor children—Martial became the sole heir to his estate. During the later years of his life, Martial Sorrel appears to have spent a considerable amount of time abroad. Before her death in France on May 18, 1842, his wife bore him three children: Amanda Emilie Sorrel, Aimée Zelida Solange Sorrel, and Solange Aruns Sorrel, all of whom were educated in France. By the time he died, on November 24, 1867, Martial Sorrel was residing at his plantation home near Charenton, and he is presumably buried there.

### *The Rediscovery of the Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Ground*

The Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Ground (which appears in no local maps or other records) was "rediscovered" in December, 1987, by John Gordon Freymann and his wife Ruth. With the help of some of the early materials presented in this report, a map, and Mr. Clarence Rhine (operator of the drawbridge across Bayou Teche on Sorrel Bridge Road), they were successful both in establishing the location of the cemetery and in uncovering the four inscribed tombstones that remain on the site.

Six months later, in June, 1988, the three Freymann brothers returned to Louisiana to conduct further explorations. With the active support and encouragement of Virginia Kyle Hine, Jessie Breaux, Glenna Kramer and the St. Mary Chapter, Louisiana Landmarks Society, they were able to clear the area of a considerable overgrowth of brush, weeds and roots, and to find several more illegible or unmarked gravestone fragments. Before leaving, they returned the four indistinguishable tombstones—which had been scattered far and wide and buried beneath brush and turf well outside of the original burial lot—to a more orderly arrangement within the central precinct defined by cut granite blocks. (See Figure 1: Sorrel/Pellerin Burial Plot: Detail.)

It will be noted in Figure 1 that there was once a rather large (vaulted?) crypt or burial chamber extending from the southern end of the Burial Ground, and another smaller extension on the northern side. A small probe of the southernmost end of the larger crypt revealed a solid tier of brickwork hidden beneath perhaps a foot of turf and soil. Because of the size and prominent position of this mound, it seems likely that this may have been the site of Jacques Joseph Sorrel's and Col. Antoine Sorrel des Rivières' interment. To mark the spot, the Freymann brothers placed a large, unmarked tomb cover on the mound, together with one of the two remaining iron fence posts that formerly were set into the bordering cut granite blocks.





# MARTIAL FRANCOIS BILLEAUD, SR.



by  
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In the year 1839 Pierre Jean BILLAUD and his wife, Rosalie Félicité Grizeau left their home in Bourgneuf, France (then located in the Department of Charente-Inférieure) with their son, Martial François Billaud and some of his brothers and sisters.

Pierre Jean Billaud, born 1805, and his wife, Rosalie Félicité, also born in 1805, were both thirty-one years of age when their son, Martial, was born. According to an extract from the Registrar of Civil States in the community of Bourgneuf, (which was among Martial's possessions at the time of his death) the mayor of the town was asked to issue an official copy of his (Martial's) birth certificate, which was done in 1839, apparently for the purpose of immigration requirements and for future citizenship.

Jean settled in Vermilionville (now Lafayette) La. and resumed the trade he pursued in France, namely, "un Charron", which, translated means wheelwright. Félicité, Jean's wife, died before 1847. On December 27, 1847, he married Elizabeth Fabre (Lafayette Church V. 5, p. 297) and had three children within that marriage. Jean died September 9, 1877, in Lafayette Parish, La.

The brothers and sisters of Martial François were : (1) Léon, b. 1831 in France, who married November 8, 1853, Malvina Landry; (2) Rosalie, b. 1833 in France, m. July 30, 1851, Antoine Caro (Carreau, Caron); (3) Olive Léontine, b. 1835, France, m. May 23, 1854, Joseph Locker; (4) Martial François, b. August 24, 1836, Bourgneuf, France, m. May 17, 1857, Lucile St. Julien. His half-brothers and sisters were: (1) Alexandre, b. August 2, 1848, m. Angéline Hébert; (2) Marie Azéma, b. May 4, 1852, La.; (3) Eugénie, b. August 8, 1854, La.; (4) Joséphine Coralie, b. December 30, 1856, d. June 22, 1858, La. and (5) Jean Edward, b. April 16, 1858, La.

MARTIAL followed in his father's footsteps and became a wheelwright also, establishing his business near the Vermillion river, on (or approximately on) the site presently occupied by the Sheraton-Acadiana Hotel. Earlier businesses on that same site in the 1940's were, the Hilltop Club and the Skunk Drive-in. Martial was married twice. On August 17, 1857 he married (Laf. Ch. v. 4, p. 149 and Laf. Ct. House, Mar. #641) Lucile St. Julien, b. February 24, 1834 (St. Martin Ch. v. 8 #696), the daughter of Eli "Major" Aurelien St. Julien and Marie Joséphine Broussard of the "Cote Gelée" area, which literally translated means, Frozen Hills, a name supposedly given to that area by the first Acadian settlers who arrived there on the morning of a heavy frost. Lucile, whose name was purposely spelled with one small 'l', died in 1902. In 1910 Martial Francois married Mathé Singleton. Of this second union there was no issue.

Five children were born of Martial's marriage to Lucile St. Julien, namely:

1. Eulalie, b. December 10, 1858 (Laf. Ch. v. 6 #101), nicknamed "Mo" or "Meaux" married Alphonse Comeaux.
2. Martial, Jr. b. December 25, 1862 (Laf. ch. v. 6 #82), nicknamed "Conjoe", married (1) Palmyre Bernard (2) Camille Dalcourt
3. Alice, b. September 10, 1866 (Youngsville Ch. v. 1, p. 39) married Hebert Billeaud.
4. Charles L., b. August 6, 1869 (St. Martin Ch. v. 11-B, p. 134), married Leona Sophie Gauthier.

5. Paul, b. August 7, 1871 (Youngsville Ch. v. 1, p. 116) married Laurence Lacaze.

During the Civil War Martial served as a private in Co. I, 26th La. Inf., and was paroled at New Iberia, La., July and August, 1865, listed as a resident of Lafayette Parish. Following the Civil War Martial began, with a very small horsepowered (and I do mean horse-powered) sugar mill, the making of raw sugar. Gradually he built up this business along with his mercantile store and became very prosperous. In his later years, he retired and turned the businesses over to his children. At the time of his death and for many years after, the businesses he began survived. The Billeaud Sugar Factory ceased operations as a sugar mill in 1979 due to economic reasons and evolved into the Billeaud Companies.

During 1988 the dismantling of the Billeaud Sugar Factory was begun and at the present time the dismantling has been completed.

On July 7, 1916, Martial Francois Billaud (Billeaud) died at the age of 81 in Broussard, La., and is buried in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in that town.

A brief history of the martial status and offspring of Martial Francois Billeaud follows:

1) Eulalie Billeaud: married Alphonse Comeaux. Of this marriage there were five children, namely:

NAME	SPOUSE
A) Amelie Comeaux	André Billeaud
B) Robert Comeaux	Jeanne Lacaze
C) Marie Louise Comeaux	Louis Felix St. Julien
D) Laurence Comeaux	L. P. DeBlanc
E) Alphonse A. Comeaux	Mary Segura

2. Martial F. Billeaud, Jr.: was married twice; first to Palmyre Bernard. Of this marriage there were five children, namely:

A) Della Billeaud	Frank Beaulieu, Jr.
B) Cornelius Billeaud	Georgia Doucet
C) Roy Billeaud	Marie De Lassus
D) Allen Billeaud	Claudia Voorhies
E) Louis Martial Billeaud	Lucille Come

The second marriage (as a widower) was to Camille Dalcourt. Of this marriage there was one child, namely:

A) Martial F. Billeaud, III	Died in 1956 (unwed)
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3. Alice Billeaud: married Hebert Billeaud. Of this marriage there were no children.

4. Charles L. Billeaud: married Leona Sophie Gauthier. Of this marriage there were nine children, namely:

A) George L. Billeaud	Beatrice St. Julien
B) Marie Louise Billeaud	James Labbé
C) Goldie Marie Billeaud	William Johnston Yongue
D) Hugh J. Billeaud	Emma Broussard
E) Vida Billeaud	Wilfred A. Olivier
F) Florence Billeaud	Clayton Voorhies
G) Leona Sophie Billeaud	George A. DeGravelle

H) Jeanne Billeaud  
I) Charles H. Billeaud

Howard O. Roy  
Catherine Comeaux

5. Paul Billeaud: married Laurence Lacaze. Of this marriage there were seven children, namely:

A) Manning F. Billeaud  
B) Willis Billeaud  
C) Lucile Billeaud  
D) Hilda Billeaud  
E) P. Lacaze Billeaud  
F) Rose Aimée Billeaud  
G) Mabel Billeaud

Jeanne Mouton  
Anne Castille  
Unmarried - Died in 1915  
Wiltz Emmer  
Annabel Broussard  
Paul André Bechet  
Sidney P. Lassales

These pages encompass four generations of the MARTIAL FRANCOIS BILLEAUD, Sr. family, from his father through his grandchildren.



## *A Hundred Years Ago . . .*

### **THE CROPS IN NEED OF WATER AND THE COUNTRY SUFFERING FOR A SHOWER\***

Breaux Bridge, May 29.—[Special.]—The crops are a tolerable good condition, but need rain very badly. The cotton plant stands the drought better than the corn, although it is rather backward and suffers from the attack of cotton lice. In a few places it has not come out yet, having been planted after the dry spell had set in. The corn crop suffers more; part of it is now tasseling, and that portion will very likely give but a very poor yield unless we have a good shower very soon. Irish potatoes that were put in the ground late did not turn out well.

For more than six weeks we have had no rain. Most of the cisterns are empty, and rain water is becoming a luxury at present. The dust is quite a nuisance, and is very injurious both to health and property.

The new road between Breaux Bridge and Morgan's Railroad depot at Lafayette, will be opened in a few days, which makes the distance between the two places seven miles, instead of fifteen, as it is now.

Bayou Teche is very low and unnavigable for the smallest crafts above this place.

Taking all in all the prospect for cotton is still good, but for corn unsatisfactory. Those who are at a distance from the bayou meet with much trouble in watering their stock.

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# THE SUCCESSION OF DOMINIQUE PRÉVOST ST. MARTINVILLE MERCHANT



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INTRODUCTION  
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Dominique Prévost's succession proceedings are found in St. Martin Parish Succession No. 127. At present it is unknown when Prévost came to Louisiana from France. As he notes in his last will and testament, there were apparently unusual circumstances that brought him to America. There is no indication that he was related to the other Prévost family, *dît* Colette, already established in the Attakapas District. He was a merchant and had close ties with two New Orleans merchants, Pierre Sauv   and Jean Souli  . It is possible that their mercantile relationship originated in France.

It is not known exactly when Dominique Pr  vost arrived in St. Martinville, but he was there on August 13, 1801, when he witnessed a sale (St. Martin Parish Original Acts, vol. 20, no. 14; hereafter, SMOA). On March 29, 1802, Charles Olivier de Vezin sold to Pr  vost a parcel of land near the church, measuring 180 feet wide on the main road by 850 feet deep to Bayou Teche (approximately 4 blocks north of Bridge Street). Two years later, Pr  vost purchased the remainder of the 4 arpent wide by 40 arpent deep tract from Olivier de Vezin (SMOA 22:248; this tract would subsequently be designated section 81, Township 10 South, Range 6 East. On today's Main Street it would be approximately the area between Robertson and Porter Streets). As his will indicates, Pr  vost later acquired land at Cypress Island and received a concession from the Spanish government on Bayou Sal  . This latter property he sold to Nathan Kemper and Henry Johnson.

Once the American administration was established in the region, and it became known as Attakapas County, Dominique Pr  vost was named a justice of the peace and served in that capacity until at least 1807. In 1805 he provided for six months a meeting facility (*une salle*) for county court (SMOA, 23:1). He was apparently a well-read individual, possessed a sizeable library, and had a good reputation. Referring to Pr  vost, Governor William C. C. Claiborne stated "Mr. Pr  vost . . . is known to me as a man of the strictest integrity." (Dunbar Rowland, ed., *Official Letter Books of W. C. C. Claiborne*, 6 vols. (Jackson, Miss.), IV, 256-257). This fact is certainly confirmed by the large number of his debtors. Moreover, Pr  vost must have been a sensitive person, a man aware of those less fortunate. His will gives ample proof of this. Dominique Pr  vost died on October 10, 1814. His St. Martinville real estate was subsequently sold to Alexander Porter, Jr.

## Last Will and Testament

I, Dominique PRÉVOST, resident of Saint Martin Parish, County of the ATTAKAPAS, being of sound body and mind, fearing that death will overtake me, I make and write in my own hand this testament and instructions containing my last wishes, as follows:

First, I declare that I was born in the city of RENNES, Département d'Isle, FRANCE, legitimate son of Georges PRÉVOST and Marguerite FROTIN, both deceased.

Item: I declare that I was brought up in the Holy Roman Catholic Church, in which I wish I live and die, leaving the organization of my funeral to the care of my testamentary executors, as they would deem it proper.

Item: I declare that I am married to Guillemette DANGÉE, born in RENNES, and who is still living according to the last letters I received dated October 24, 1810; of which marriage, there remains a daughter named Sophie married to Delisle LEBOUCHER who is also of RENNES.

Item: I declare that all I might owe in this territory is evidenced by my promisory notes given to various individuals and my ledger as well, I leave the rest to the discretion of my testamentary executors; In case demands are made against my estate so that those debts they believe to be true and just may be paid by them.

Item: I declare that all that is owed to me in this territory is evidenced by notes and entries in my ledger.

Item: I declare that I am the owner of

First, a tract having frontage of four arpents by a depth of forty arpents, in the ATTAKAPAS, where I live, near the church. This tract is bounded on both sides by Jacques Fontenette, except a tract of (blank) on which there are a house and a kitchen which both belong to Lisette FORSTAL to whom I sold it for cash.

Second, two tracts located at Cypress Island in the parish of the ATTAKAPAS, one of eight-and-a-half arpents and the other of four arpents by the usual depth.

Third, a tract of twenty arpents, in front of the river AMITE by the usual depth of forty arpents, located in GALVESTON [Galvestown, Iberville Parish].

Fifth, a negress named Charlotte with her six-year-old daughter named Félicité called Congoulou, a thirty-six-year-old negress named Catiche; a forty-year-old negress named Nancy; a negress named Patley, about twenty years old, with a two-year-old baby; a twenty-three-year-old negro named Canifa, which brought a total of seven slaves.

Sixth, about forty head of cattle and horses with a small flock of sheep.

In case I die in the ATTAKAPAS, I name and appoint Mr. Agricole FUSELIER, resident of the said parish, and Mr. Jean SOULIÉ, merchant in NEW ORLEANS, as my testamentary executors,

dispensing with the necessity of furnishing bond, so that after my death, conjointly and separately, without court proceedings, they shall take possession of all my property, draw up an inventory, estimate the value of my succession liquidate the same and deliver the net proceeds to my heir in the manner they shall deem proper; If, on the contrary, I die in NEW ORLEANS or in any place of this territory, except the ATTAKAPAS, I appoint Mr. Jean SOULIÉ and Mr. Pierre SAUVÉ as my testamentary executors. In case should Mr. SOULIÉ die before me, I substitute Mr. Pierre SAUVÉ, who lives on the river, whom I ask to accept my request considering this last service as a proof of his friendship.

Item: I appoint Guillemette DANGÉE, my wife as universal legatee, and in the event of her death, my daughter Sophie, spouse of Delisle BOUCHER, will be the legatee, and thereafter my grandchildren.

Item: I recommend to my aforesaid spouse, my son-in-law and my daughter to pay as many of the debts I may have contracted in FRANCE, to the fullest extent they shall be able.

Item: I would have liked to achieve success in my work. I declare to my family that the only motive which forced me to leave them in these times of calamity, was the desire to improve their situation. My wife, my son-in-law and Sophie, my only remaining child whom I would have liked to hold in my arms before dying, will never know the pain which I have endured up to the last day of my life, I would never be so happy as to be reunited with them and to die in their embraces. It is nevertheless consoling to my heart to think that with the Grace of God, we will all be reunited in a better world, never again to be separated.

I give and bequeath to Lisette FORSTAL, a free woman of color, on condition that she remain in my service until the day of my death: All of my household furnishings, my personal clothing and household linens, my kitchen utensils and kitchenware, with the exception of my silverware. I would like to do more. I am glad to attest that I have been very happy to have her in my service and that what I presently own, I owe to her frugality.

In case she should come to request something belonging to her, I ask that my testamentary executors give it to her and to rely totally on her honesty. I also remit any debt which she might owe me either on her current account or other promissory notes which I might possess at the time of my death.

My intention is that Lisette FORSTAL give to Laly FORSTAL, her granddaughter, a supply of clothes and other utensils for her household. This is to set her up in housekeeping.

I ask my testamentary executors, not to disturb the inhabitants of Cypress Island who might owe me some small sums either on account or in promissory notes. I remit those debts if they are unable to pay them without depriving themselves of the necessities of life.

I ask my testamentary executors to have built for me a simple tomb with this inscription: "Here lies Dominique PRÉVOST born in RENNES, BRETAGNE. August 4, 1751. (I wish to avoid ostentation).

My only desire is to make known to some of my relatives the resting place of the remains of their friend (in the event the creditors would make it necessary for them to come to this region). I give and bequeath to Père Joseph Isabey my silver snuffbox. I am sure that he will accept this small token of my sincere friendship with satisfaction.

I further declare that my intention is to give to my testamentary executors more time, if necessary, for the carrying out of my wishes.

I revoke and annul all prior testaments and codicils made by me as well as powers of attorney which I might have given, so that this testament might have its full and entire effect.

Done in the ATTAKAPAS, this 18th day of February, 1813.

Dominique PRÉVOST

In addition, I ask my testamentary executors to deliver to my family a sealed package and a ledger concerning only my business in FRANCE.



Affixing the Seals  
of the  
Estate of Dominique Prévost

Parish of St. Martin, the twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, at the domicile of Dominique Prevost, deceased the tenth instant, I Ransom Eastin, judge of said parish, have proceeded to affix seals on the Estate of the said decedent as the law directs, in presence of the Reverend Gabriel Issabey and Alexander Porter, Jr., who attests this proceeding by subscribing their names hereto with me the said Judge the day and date above written.

Gabl. Isabey..... A. Porter Jr.  
..... Ran. Eastin, P. Judge

Inventory of the  
Estate of Dominique Prévost

Parish of St. Martin, County of Attakapas, the first day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen at the Domicile of Dominique Prevost, deceased, I Ransom Eastin, Judge of said Parish, proceeded to remove the seals heretofore affixed in presence of Agricole Fuselier, esq., one of the executors of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, and Alexander Porter, Jr., and to take an Inventory of the Estate, appraised upon oath by Messrs. Louis Gary and Paul Briant duly appointed to that service which is as follows, to wit:

1. The Homestead Plantation situated near the Parish Church containing four arpents in front with the depth of forty arpents, with all the buildings thereon, except a lot and house thereon belonging to Lisette Forstell, appraised at.....\$2500

2. One tract of land situated in said Parish at Cypress Island, containing eight arpents in front by the depth of forty arpents, appraised at.....400

3. One other tract of land situated near the last aforesaid tract, containing four arpents in front by the depth of forty arpents, appraised at .....	200
4. One tract of land situated near Galvestown, containing twenty arpents in front with the usual depth, the present appraisers not knowing the said land, will not venture to make an appraisement thereof.	
5. One Negro woman named Charlotte, with her child name Félicité, about six years old (including a child lately born which it is believed will not live), appraised at .....	700
6. One Negro woman named Caticha, about forty years old, appraised at .....	600
7. One Negro woman named Palsey, aged about twenty-two years, with her two children, appraised at .....	700
8. One other Negro woman named Nancy, aged about forty-five years, appraised at .....	200
9. One Negro man named Congo, aged about twenty-two years, appraised at .....	400
10. Eighty-seven books of different kinds, appraised at .....	40
11. One fowling piece, appraised at .....	25
12. One ---ditto---, appraised at .....	25
13. One sword, appraised at .....	8
14. One ox cart, appraised at .....	10
15. One ox cart, appraised at .....	10
16. One peddler's cart, appraised at .....	20
17. One caleiche, appraised at .....	40
18. One plough, appraised at .....	30
19. One floque, appraised at .....	2
20. One small iron-tooth harrow, appraised at .....	5
21. One grindstone, appraised at .....	4
22. Three work beeves, appraised at .....	45
23. Five milch cows & calves, appraised at .....	60
24. Three ---ditto---, without calves, appraised at .....	30
25. Three beeves of four years old, appraised at .....	30
26. Three yearling calves, appraised at .....	15
27. One broke horse, appraised at .....	30
28. Two mares & colts, appraised at .....	30
29. Twenty head of sheep, appraised at .....	40
30. One lot of tools, appraised at .....	10
31. One lot of garden utensils, appraised at .....	10
32. One crosscut saw, appraised at .....	10
33. One old barge in bad order, skiff, one sail, two tarpotians [sic], one cordell, blocks, etc., appraised at .....	50



34. Sixty cypress planks, appraised at.....	22.50
35. One M [one thousand] pews [fence posts] of four feet appraised at.....	30
36. Three hundred pews of eight feet, appraised at.....	18
37. Four silver spoons & forks, six teaspoons & one soup spoon, appraised at.....	60
38. In bank notes.....	427
39. In silver.....	14.69
40. Forty-three bottles sirups, appraised at.....	21.50
41. Ninety-four bottles liquors, appraised at.....	47
42. Eleven bottles of oil, appraised at.....	11
43. Nine bottles of liquors and three of sirups, appraised at.....	6
44. Sixty bottles of Malaga wine, appraised at.....	60
45. One hundred & Sixty-seven bottles of red wine, appraised at.....	125.25
46 Twenty-two bottles of brandy, appraised at.....	22
47. Seven bottles whiskey, appraised at.....	2.62
48. Three bottles castor oil, appraised at.....	4.50
49. Two bottles liquors, two bottles sirup & two bottles orange odour, appraised at.....	3
50. Eleven bottles cherry bounce, appraised at.....	5.50
51. Four bottles Turpentine & one bottle Linseed oil, appraised at.....	3.75
52. 4 5/12 doz bowls, appraised at.....	19.87
53. Six wash bowls, appraised at.....	6
54. Two dozen dishes, appraised at.....	12
55. 2 5/12 doz platters, appraised at.....	10
56. 1 4/12 doz. green and blue edged plates, appraised at.....	6.50
57. Two milk pots, four cups & nine small plates, one covered dish & one sugar dish, appraised at.....	5
58. Eight phials [vials] cologne water, appraised at.....	4
59. Six decanters, large & small, & one sals, appraised at.....	5
60. Seven wine glasses and six small tumblers, appraised at.....	3
61. Two other washbowls, appraised at.....	2
62. Twenty-eight pots, large and small, appraised at.....	42

63. Two pots, appraised at.....	3
64. Thirteen —ditto—, appraised at.....	19
65. One case vermicelli, appraised at.....	5
66. Four cases and some pieces soap, appraised at.....	69.75
67. Twenty cases sperm candles, appraised at.....	10
68. Two & half cases —ditto—, appraised at.....	1.25
69. Eleven spades and one shovel, appraised at.....	22
70. Three boxes corks, appraised at.....	8
71. Thirty-five files, appraised at.....	26.25
72. Twenty-three pair hinges, appraised at.....	17.25
73. Eleven pair door & window hooks, appraised at.....	4.12
74. Eleven files, appraised at.....	5.50
75. Seventeen chisels, appraised at.....	8.50
76. Thirteen screw augurs, appraised at.....	9.75
77. Six carpenters compasses, appraised at.....	3
78. Six gimblets, appraised at.....	1.50
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80. One hand saw, appraised at.....	4
81. Five adzes, two bits, & one axe, appraised at.....	8.25
82. Fourteen tin [word illegible], appraised at.....	14
83. One door lock, appraised at.....	1.50
84. Fourteen padlocks, appraised at.....	10.50
85. Six pruning knives, appraised at.....	1.50
86. Eleven door & window bolts, appraised at.....	5.50
87. Seven papers lamplack, appraised at.....	.87 cents
88. One lot button moulds, appraised at.....	3
89. Eight carrots tobacco, appraised at.....	4
90. Eight bags shot, appraised at.....	36
91. One bag shot, 22 pounds.....	4.12
92. About 15 pounds shot, loose, appraised at.....	2.75
93. Ten pounds bullets, appraised at.....	2.50
94. One hundred and twenty-five gun flints, appraised at.....	3

95. One pair jointing plainer, appraised at .....	6
96. Three pair boots, appraised at .....	8
97. Four coils bailing rope, 259 pounds, appraised at .....	17.34
98. One coil tared rope, 50 pounds, appraised at .....	7.50
99. Eighteen bundles twine, appraised at .....	6.75
100. Twenty-two lines, appraised at .....	5.50
101. Fifty grass ropes, appraised at .....	34
102. Eight bundles grass ropes, appraised at .....	3
103. Twelve cowhide whips, appraised at .....	3
104. One gridiron, appraised at .....	2
105. One tin spittle case, appraised at .....	1.50
106. Eighty-three & 3/5 ells cotton bagging, appraised at .....	33.45
107. Eight pounds pepper, appraised at .....	40
108. One loaf sugar, appraised at .....	1.50
109. Five barrels taffia, 168 gallons, appraised at .....	188
110. Three barrels rum, 96 gallons, appraised at .....	96
111. Twelve demijohns tafia, appraised at .....	72
112. Two demijohns cherry bounce, appraised at .....	12
113. Eleven demijohns, appraised at .....	22
114. Ten barrels Louisiana sugar, appraised at .....	250
115. Eight barrels flour, appraised at .....	96
116. Two barrels salt, appraised at .....	12
117. Four barrels tar, appraised at .....	12
118. Three barrels pitch, appraised at .....	12
119. Fifty pounds okum, appraised at .....	9.37
120. Two barrels lime, appraised at .....	4
121. Two barrels powder, appraised at .....	30
122. One large tin cannister with powder, appraised at .....	5
123. One patent weighing beam & scale, appraised at .....	25
124. Two pieces Russia duck, Forty ells, appraised at .....	40
125. Four pieces Oznaburgh, eighty ells, appraised at .....	40
126. Six pieces Heasians, one hundred and fifty-six ells, appraised at .....	58.69

127. Three pieces Hesslans (damaged), seventy-one ells, appraised at.....	17.37
128. Two cut pieces Russia sheeting (narrow) nine and one-half ells.....	9.50
129. One country counterpane, appraised at.....	8
130. Eight & a half Ells cotonade, appraised at.....	18.50
131. One cut piece white cotonade, 4 1/4 ells, appraised at.....	8.18
132. Thirty-three end one half ells Check, appraised at ..	33.50
133. One piece Check, appraised at.....	5
134. Twenty-five ells Guinea, appraised at.....	25
135. Three pieces Morlaix, 50 1/2 ells, appraised at.....	50.50
136. Three pieces Plattilas, twenty-eight ells, appraised at.....	28
137. Eight pieces Brittany, appraised at.....	48
138. Ten pieces wide Nankeen, appraised at.....	25
139. Six pieces —ditto—, appraised at.....	7.50
140. Twenty-four ells fine muslin, appraised at.....	36
141. Ten & one-half ells coarse muslin, appraised at.....	10.50
142. Five & one-half ells —ditto—, appraised at.....	2
143. One piece Peigne, appraised at.....	2
144. Thirteen and one-half ells white velvet, appraised at.....	16.87
145. Sixteen ells diaper, appraised at.....	6
146. Twelve ells black muslin, appraised at.....	12
147. Twelve and a half ells black bombasette, appraised at.....	32.50
148. Six black silk handkerchiefs, eppeised et.....	6
149. Two and 3/4 ells black satin, appraised at.....	5.75
150. Three pieces white ground calico, forty-three ells, appraised at.....	21.50
151. Forty-nine and 3/4 ells calico, appraised at.....	24.87
152. Ten end 1/4 ells wide calico, appraised at.....	10.25
153. Two pieces blue Nankeen, appraised at.....	6
154. Six ells siersucer, appraised at.....	9
155. Fourteen ells Marsailles quilting (4 pieces), appraised at.....	7
156. Five vest patrans, appraised at.....	5
157. Eight pair cotton stockings, appraised at.....	8

158. Eight ---ditto---, appraised at.....	8
159. Five silk hose, appraised at.....	10
160. 8 quire paper, appraised at....	4
161. Two embroidered muslin robes, appraised at.....	10
162. Two muslin shawls, appraised at.....	1
163. Nineteen and 1/4 ells calico, appraised at.....	4.62
164. Eight pieces satin ribbon, appraised at.....	8
165. Four [word illegible] pins, appraised at.....	2
166. Seven ells lace, appraised at.....	10.50
167. Four pounds colored thread, appraised at.....	4
168. Nineteen doz. white thread, appraised at.....	22.75
169. Thirty pieces tape, appraised at.....	5.62
170. Ten pieces cont j 65 handkerchiefs, appraised at.....	16.25
171. Six pieces cont j 60 handkerchiefs, appraised at.....	15
172. Twenty-four mock Madras handkerchiefs, appraised at.....	18
173. Twenty Madras handkerchiefs, appraised at.....	20
174. Two tin garden watering kettles, appraised at.....	3
175. One pair silver cased spectacles, appraised at.....	6
176. Money in gold 442 00 Money in silver 229 75.....	741.75
177 Three barrels coffee weighing 329 pounds, appraised at.....	98 70
178. Two hundred and seven pounds of nails, appraised at.....	65.10
179. One keg paint, appraised at.....	3
180. Small scale and weights for the store, appraised at.....	8.50
Total appraised value of above.....	\$10,211.91

There not being any other property for appraisement, the present inventory is closed and amounts to ten thousand two hundred and eleven dollars and ninety-four cents; in presence of the appraisers aforesaid, Agricole Fuselier, Esq., and Alexander Porter, Jr., Esq., who have hereunto subscribed their names with me Judge, this second day of November, One thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

## A List of Debts by Notes and Book Accounts due Dominique Prevost

Nathan Kemper & Judge [Henry] Johnson, due on notes.....	\$1580.25
Judge [Seth] Lewis, note .....	560.00
Widow Smith, notes .....	337.12
Chevalier & Pelletier Delahoussaye, note .....	355.00
Ransom Eastin, note.....	235.87
Simon, LeBlanc, note .....	111.75
Jacques Judice, note.....	126.50
Pelletier Delahoussaye, note.....	128.12
Schepperd.....	120.00
Alexander Porter, Jr., book account.....	233.12
Louis Delahoussaye, notes & book account.....	197.87
Gilles LeBlanc, note and book account.....	170.25
Moracin, merchant at Bayonne [France] account.....	187.37
Maxamillien Judice, notes and book account .....	174.43
Lisette Forstal, note and book account.....	338.75
Jacques Doré, note and book account.....	119.00
Jacques Fontenette, notes and book account.....	102.25
Judge Johnson, notes and book account .....	101.43
Philip Doré, ditto .....	90.12
Joseph Collins and Wife, note .....	75.75
Veuve Nicolas LeBlanc, ditto and book account.....	70.43
Rosemond LeBlanc, ditto, ditto .....	87.68
Jean Duhamel, ditto ditto .....	66.50
Olivier, fils, book account.....	67.25
Balthazar Delahoussaye, note and book account .....	30.37
Louis Verret, book account .....	66.06
Antoine Boutté, book account.....	59.50
Mrs. Murphy, book account .....	73.62
William Turner, book account.....	58.62
Louis Judice, fils, notes and book account .....	59.50
Philip Boutté, bal. of notes and book account .....	48.93
Vincent Labbé, ditto .....	42.50
Louis Champagne, notes and book account.....	38.87
François Louviere, book account.....	35.75
Alexandre Frere, ditto .....	34.37
Veuve Pellerin, note .....	33.12
John McFall.....	30.00
Joseph Prevost, fils .....	32.00
Neuville Declouet .....	20.00
Herbert Eastin .....	20.37
Jacob Harry .....	20.75
Jacques Hulin.....	23.25
Zenon Boutté.....	19.50

L'abbé Barrière .....	19.75
George Touschet .....	19.75
Isaac Baldwin .....	18.00
Marin LeNormand, fils .....	16.00
Doctor Ferry .....	15.50
Mr. Cuvelier .....	15.00
Pierre Menard .....	15.00
Levy Taylor (blacksmith) .....	14.87
Hilaire Decoux .....	13.75
Jacques Pecol .....	12.87
Pierre Menard .....	12.37
Madame Devince .....	12.12
Joseph A. Parrott .....	11.37
DeBlanc, fils .....	10.00
Ursin Ozenne .....	9.50
Harper, dec. ....	8.50
Baptiste Berard .....	8.50
François Touschet .....	8.37
A. Fuselier .....	8.25
Pierre Champelgne .....	7.77
Mr. Dejean (Opelousas) .....	7.77
L'Abbé Isabey .....	7.00
La Violette .....	7.50
William Duncan - Taylor .....	6.75
William Greig .....	6.75
Alexander C. Landry .....	5.37
Mr. Brent .....	5.00
Gaspard Menard .....	3.75
Mr. Mcmerieult .....	3.50
Joseph Primeau .....	2.50
Jean Pierre Decuir .....	1.50
Celestin Prejean .....	1.50
François Darby .....	.87
Michel (Negro of Mr. Delahoussaye) .....	26.00
Guillaume (Negro) .....	20.00
Dominique Masse (A free Negro) .....	24.81
Zenon Masse (A free Negro) .....	19.25
Louis Maxent (A free Negro) .....	1.00
Françoise Layprade (A mulatresse) .....	.93
Pivoteau .....	2.37
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6784.87</b>

Deduct from the above the following accounts which are directed by Dominique Prevost in his Ledger to be annulled and also in Testament.

George Touschet .....	19.75
Pierre Menard.....	12.37
Lisette Forstall.....	338.75
Philip Doré .....	90.12
La Violette.....	7.50
Jacques Hulin.....	23.25
Total deductions.....	\$491.75

Total owed to Estate of Dominique Prevost .....\$6293.12

[Editor's note: The public sale of the real and personal property of the late Dominique Prevost was held on November 30, 1814. The real estate was not sold at this time because there was no bid that matched or exceeded the appraised value of the several tracts. There were 340 lots (either individual items or several items of one kind) offered for sale. Space limitations prevent a complete listing of what was bought and by whom. Presented below, however, are the names of individuals who did purchase something at this succession sale. The reader is reminded that an individual may have purchased only a single item or may have bought many lots. The first twenty-three lots sold were books; the first three lots are identified: (1) Letters on Egypt and Greece; (2) Description of China; (3) Laws of the United States. These were multi-volume sets. The names of purchasers are presented in alphabetical order.]

Abat, Maurice	Ferry, Doctor	Manier, Mr.
Ariel, Manna	Fontenette, Jacques	Martin, Marie
Berard, Jean	Forstall, Lisette	Martin, Michel
Blanchette, Olivier	Franco, Jacques	Meaux, Pierre
Bossier, Jean	Fuselier, Agricole	Mercier, André
Boutté, Philippe	Gary, Louis	Montet, Paul
Bouvier, François	Guidry, Mrs. P.	Mouton, Frederique
Boyer, Mr.	Guilbeau, Jean Charles	Oliver, Charles
Brashear, Tho. B.	Green, Doctor	Parrott, Joseph A.
Briant, Paul	Harry, Jacob	Patin, Marcel
Broussard, Amant	Hayes, Michel	Porter, Alexander, Jr.
Champeigne, Jean L.	Hebert, Louis	Potier, François
Chemin, Louis	Joe ("Mr. Porter's boy")	Richard, Anaclet
Crétian, Basancour	Judice, Jacques	Roy, Joseph (a merchant)
Davis, Doctor	Judice, Louis, Jr.	Samuel, Mr.
DeBlanc, Joseph, Jr.	Judice, Louis, Sr.	Taylor, George
Declouet, Marie	Judice, Maximilien	Therault, Charles
Declouet, Neuville	Lamy, Gilbert	Thibodeaux, Isaac
Devince, Mme	Landry, Alexandre	
Doré, Philippe	Landry, Fabien	
Duhamel, Doctor	LeBlanc, Gilles	
Duhamel, Jean	LeBlanc, Simon	
Eastin, Herbert	Lopez, Jean	
Eastin, Ranson	McCall, Jesse	Total revenue from the sale of personal
Faustin, Jacques	Maneaux, Mr.	property was \$6720.75



Parish of St. Martin, the third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, the Homestead Plantation of Dominique Prevost, late of the Parish aforesaid, having been offered at Public Auction on the twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, and thirtieth of the month last past, and no person having bid to the amount of its estimation, and at the request of Agricole Fuselier, Esq., one of the executors of the last will and testament of the said deceased, the same is appraised upon oath by Messrs. Vincent Labbé and Jacques Judice duly appointed to that service--viz:

The said Homestead Plantation as described in Inventory on the first day of November last past, which Inventory is hereto prefixed, appraised at.....\$1800.00

The said Homestead Plantation adjudged to Alexandre Porter, Jr., at.....1800.00

Additional sales:

Timber for a small magazine adjudged to Gilbert Lamy.....29.00

One M covering pews adjudged to Dr. Davis.....52.00

Two hundred & eleven pews adjudged to Alexander Porter.....10.55

Total of additional sale .....\$1891.55

[Editor's note: There is no indicated disposition of the other real estate owned by Dominique Prevost. Hypolite Garrigues Flaujac was attorney in fact for the heirs in France. The final item in the probate record is the acceptance by Paul Briant, Parish Judge, of Agricole Fuselier's settlement of the estate. It is dated July 24, 1819.



## *A Hundred Years Ago . . .*

### **THE CROPS DAMAGED BY THE DROUGHT\***

Franklin, La., May 28.—[Special.]—The Weather conditions very dry and hot and the garden and field crops are suffering from the drought. Pasturage is about scorched out and water becoming very scarce for cattle, the coulees, ponds and small bayous being dry and water only obtainable at the bayou. Many cisterns are empty and others nearly out and water for drinking and domestic purposes is very scarce.

The cane crop is some six weeks late in the growth and the hot, dry weather, while not wholly unfavorable for the stubble, is not good for the plant cane. The corn crop is badly scorched.

The dust on the public roads is almost intolerable.

\*From the New Orleans Daily Picayune, May 29, 1889

# LAFAYETTE PARISH SUCCESSIONS 1823-1900

*by Rebecca A. Batiste*

*(continued from vol. XXIV, no. 2)*

SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
1823	Giroir, Amelie	Dec. 1, 1887
427	Giroir, Frederic	Sept. 7, 1820
545	Giroir, Jean	Oct. 26, 1846
761	Giroir, Jean	Jan. 22, 1855
1028	Giroir, Joseph Baptiste	Nov. 30, 1866
1271	Giroir, Louis	Oct. 10, 1870
1723	Giroir, Louis	Nov. 24, 1884
1597	Giroir, Marguerite	July 1, 1880
1134	Giroir, Pierre	Nov. 28, 1867
1292	Girouard, Anais	June 7, 1871
796	Girouard, Dominique	June 2, 1856
1293	Girouard, Emma	June 7, 1871
1487	Girouard, Eugenie	July 1, 1880
1485	Girouard, Joseph	May 20, 1876
2142	Girouard, Lumina	Oct. 15, 1898
1872	Girouard, Martial	Nov. 12, 1889
1257	Girouard, Maximilien	April 17, 1870
1757	Girouard, Napoleon Pepelia	May 15, 1884
1826	Girouard, Norbert	Dec. 17, 1887
1233	Girouard, Pierre	Oct. 15, 1869
1542	Giselar, Marie	March 18, 1878
1746	Godard, Alfred	Oct. 9, 1885
302	Godwin, Joseph	June 20, 1835
83	Goings, Thomas & Elizabeth	May 13, 1826
1303	Gouguet, Jules Claude	Oct. 7, 1871
658	Goulet, Victor	Feb. 10, 1851
1976	Grand, Augustin Diaz	Feb. 20, 1893
1976	Grand, Augustine	Feb. 20, 1893
665	Grange, Anastasie	May 13, 1851
685	Grange, Carmelite	Feb. 13, 1852
666	Grange, Charles	May 16, 1851
758	Grange, Clemence	Dec. 9, 1854

SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
1516	Grange, Emilien	July 29, 1879
667	Grange, Gerard	May 19, 1851
766	Grange, Hermogene	April 3, 1855
919	Grange, Joseph	April 9, 1861
1239	Grange, Louis	Dec. 8, 1869
459	Grange, Marguerite	June 3, 1842
148	Granger, Charles Anthony	Nov. 28, 1828
426	Granger, Charles	Jan. 20, 1841
345	Granger, Domialle Joseph, Sr.,	Nov. 22, 1837
1403	Granger, Esthelle Vina	Dec. 17, 1872
1155	Granger, Josephine	Jan. 6, 1868
470	Granger, Laurent	Nov. 18, 1842
1773	Granger, Marie	Feb. 8, 1886
1727	Granger, Marie Elvina Carnezele	Dec. 19, 1884
1179	Granger, Octave	March 26, 1868
1403	Granger, Vina Esthelle	Dec. 17, 1872
1922	Graser, John	Jan. 6, 1891
1571	Gravenberg, Elise	June 2, 1879
425	Green, Elisha	Jan. 28, 1836
843	Green, Elisha	Feb. 24, 1858
1982	Green, Lydia E.	July 13, 1893
777	Greig, Arthur	Oct. 2, 1855
904	Greig, Helen	July 12, 1860
663	Greig, John	March 4, 1851
776	Greig, John, Jr.	Oct. 29, 1855
1916	Gremillion, Paul L.	Feb. 5, 1891
2139	Grier, Mary	August 3, 1898
618	Grizeau, Rosalie Bernard	April 30, 1849
185	Gros, Alexis	June 30, 1828
1880	Guchereaux, Antoine	Jan. 22, 1890
1756	Guldroz, Valsin E.	Dec. 18, 1885
932	Guidry, Alexander, Sr.	Oct. 19, 1861
1793	Guidry, Alexandre	Feb. 7, 1887
463	Guidry, Alexis	Sept. 13, 1842
822	Guidry, Alida	Aug. 6, 1857
1258	Guidry, Alphonse	April 19, 1870
1259	Guidry, Alphonse	April 20, 1870
1920	Guidry, Alzina	Feb. 15, 1891
1935	Guidry, Alzina	Nov. 21, 1891
2188	Guidry, Alzina	Oct. 17, 1900
2021	Guidry, Antoine	Sept. 13, 1894
997	Guidry, Aspasie	Sept. 7, 1865
1301	Guidry, Augustin	Sept. 26, 1871
684	Guidry, Azelie Avery	Jan. 19, 1852
670	Guidry, Azelika	June 16, 1851

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465	Guidry, Azelima	Oct. 20, 1842
1907	Guidry, Azema	Dec. 6, 1890
353	Guidry, Baptiste	Aug. 25, 1838
1423	Guidry, Carmelite	July 28, 1875
1413	Guidry, Clarisse	April 7, 1873
263	Guidry, Clementine	Dec. 15, 1833
414	Guidry, Clerisse	Oct. 12, 1840
928	Guidry, Dupre	April 7, 1861
1463	Guidry, Edgard P.	July 16, 1875
1892	Guidry, Edward	May 22, 1890
611	Guidry, Eliza	Jan. 25, 1849
1545	Guidry, Eloi	no date
1231	Guidry, Eloi	Sept. 1, 1869
934	Guidry, Emellie	Oct. 24, 1861
1130	Guidry, Emilie	Dec. 10, 1867
1965	Guidry, Mrs. Erasie Morvant	Nov. 3, 1892
933	Guidry, Eraste	Oct. 24, 1861
950	Guidry, Eraste	Nov. 13, 1862
1259	Guidry, Etienne	April 20, 1870
1570	Guidry, Euphrasie	June 10, 1879
885	Guidry, Geneus	Oct. 4, 1859
1117	Guidry, Honore	Aug. 19, 1867
1379	Guidry, J. Baptiste	Aug. 18, 1872
1108	Guidry, Jean B. V. & Christopher	Feb. 23, 1867
1471	Guidry, Jean	Nov. 5, 1875
828	Guidry, Jean Baptiste	Nov. 5, 1857
356	Guidry, Jean Marie	Oct. 9, 1829
435	Guidry, Joseph	July 19, 1832
1795	Guidry, Joseph	Feb. 9, 1887
2193	Guidry, Joseph	Nov. 19, 1900
1281	Guidry, Joseph P.	Jan. 10, 1871
352	Guidry, Joseph	Aug. 8, 1838
1778	Guidry, Jourdan	Sept. 28, 1886
1740	Guidry, Jules E.	May 2, 1895
1668	Guidry, Lodoiska	Dec. 9, 1882
520	Guidry, Marie Alma	no date
2005	Guidry, Marie Coralie	Feb. 27, 1894
1630	Guidry, Marie Louise Lolette	July 8, 1881
1731	Guidry, Noemie	Jan. 22, 1885
110	Guidry, Pierre & Margaret	May, 1827
18	Guidry, Pierre, Sr.	Aug. 30, 1823
38	Guidry, Pierre, Sr.	Aug. 24, 1824
67	Guidry, Pierre, Sr.	1825
1176	Guidry, Placide A.	March 16, 1878
1716	Guidry, Rodolph	Aug. 20, 1884

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712	Guidry, Sosthene	Aug. 1, 1853
1796	Guidry, Therese	Feb. 11, 1887
1297	Guidry, Uranie	Aug. 11, 1871
624	Guidry, Veronique	July 20, 1849
139	Guidry, Victoire	Aug. 5, 1828
1195	Guidry, Victorine	Sept. 8, 1868
795	Guidry, Virginie	March 28, 1856
2013	Guilbeau, Adele	June 15, 1894
497	Guilbeau, Alexandre	April 29, 1844
1881	Guilbeau, Clementine	Jan. 25, 1890
1462	Guilbeau, Edgar & Martha	Jan. 25, 1877
469	Guilbeau, Emile Chaisson	Dec. 19, 1842
947	Guilbeau, Euranie	June 3, 1862
891	Guilbeau, Idalie	Jan. 6, 1860
198	Guilbeau, Jean	no date
131	Guilbeau, Jean	April 2, 1828
910	Guilbeau, Jean,	Nov. 7, 1860
26	Guilbeau, Joseph	Oct. 12, 1825
1172	Guilbeau, Leontine	Feb. 25, 1868
1115	Guilbeau, Lucien A.	June 15, 1867
2037	Guilbeau, Marie Alice	Feb. 25, 1895
1462	Guilbeau, Mrs. Martin	July 13, 1878
718	Guilbeau, Ozeme	no date
842	Guilbeau, Ozeme A.	March 6, 1858
1453	Guilbeau, Placide	Jan. 25, 1875
1081	Guilbeau, Placide, Sr. & Dural, Jr.	June 23, 1866
2036	Guilbeau, Sosthene	Feb. 21, 1895
146	Guilbeau, Victoire Camille	Sept. 8, 1828
230	Guilbert, Jacques	June 24, 1832
137	Guilbert, Jacquin	July 14, 1828
342	Guilbert, Joseph	Nov. 25, 1837
1204	Guyot, Elise	Jan. 7, 1869

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1612	Haas, Felix Berthold	March 21, 1881
773	Haggarthy, Caroline	July 13, 1855
171	Haggarthy, Elizabeth	Oct. 13, 1829
699	Haggarthy, John	Dec. 17, 1852
247	Haggarthy, Patrick	May 21, 1833
193	Hall, Elisha L.	Oct. 13, 1830
1908	Hanks, Alcide	Dec. 23, 1830
194	Hargroves, Benjamin	Oct. 29, 1830
1883	Harman, Eveline	Feb. 1, 1890

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985	Harpin, Valsin	May 16, 1865
378	Harriet, Harriet	Sept. 12, 1836
1208	Harriet, Harriet	Jan. 28, 1869
747	Harrison, Ainee	July 3, 1854
207	Hathore, William	Aug. 1, 1831
1581	Haure, Bertrand	Oct. 7, 1879
1237	Hawley, Loretta & James Joseph	Nov. 19, 1869
2185	Hayes, Amanda C. & Barnard	Sept. 20, 1900
1490	Hayes, John T.	Sept. 18, 1896
1394	Hayes, Melanie	Sept. 2, 1872
111	Hays, Mary	July 7, 1827
24	Hays, Michel	Aug. 29, 1823
751	Hebert, Adelaide Arcade	July 15, 1854
200	Hebert, Agricole	March 26, 1831
1646	Hebert, Albert	Oct. 12, 1881
1097	Hebert, Alcide Joe & Howard	Oct. 26, 1868
1865	Hebert, Alzina	May 22, 1889
740	Hebert, Azema	April 22, 1854
765	Hebert, Carmelite Gerald	March 6, 1855
1813	Hebert, Cecile	Aug. 19, 1887
1797	Hebert, Celestin	Feb. 12, 1887
839	Hebert, Charles	Dec. 28, 1857
912	Hebert, Charles	Dec. 5, 1860
939	Hebert, Clemille	Dec. 3, 1861
154	Hebert, Dame Thomas	March 26, 1829
1162	Hebert, Desire	Jan. 21, 1868
1999	Hebert, Donathilde	Feb. 3, 1894
156	Hebert, Dorothy	June 11, 1829
2027	Hebert, Edgard	Nov. 30, 1894
1981	Hebert, Edward	May 17, 1893
1930	Hebert, Elyse	Sept. 1, 1891
948	Hebert, Emile	June 28, 1862
1112	Hebert, Etienne	April 15, 1867
1672	Hebert, Euclide	no date
133	Hebert, Francois	June 1, 1828
588	Hebert, Francois	Jan. 31, 1848
1733	Hebert, Gerome	Feb. 26, 1885
1181	Hebert, Hilaire	April 8, 1868
792	Hebert, Jean Charles	Feb. 19, 1856
197	Hebert, Jean Charles & Baptiste	Jan. 27, 1831
1375	Hebert, Jean Charles	Aug. 14, 1872
116	Hebert, Joseph	Oct. 11, 1827
499	Hebert, Joseph	August 8, 1844
953	Hebert, Joseph	August 11, 1871
1975	Hebert, Joseph	Feb. 3, 1893

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178	Hebert, Julie & Bernard, Sr.	March 22, 1830
1029	Hebert, Leontine	Dec. 10, 1865
604	Hebert, Lodoiska	Nov. 18, 1848
661	Hebert, Louis	Jan. 2, 1851
346	Hebert, Louis	Feb. 19, 1838
185	Hebert, Magdaline & Rufus	July 20, 1830
749	Hebert, Marcelite	June 28, 1854
542	Hebert, Marguerite	Oct. 14, 1846
778	Hebert, Marguerite	Oct. 2, 1855
1100	Hebert, Marguerite	Dec. 5, 1866
1552	Hebert, Marguerite	Sept. 21, 1878
395	Hebert, Marie	no date
554	Hebert, Marie	Feb. 1, 1847
566	Hebert, Marie	July 17, 1847
1048	Hebert, Marie	Jan. 17, 1866
1180	Hebert, Marie	April 27, 1868
922	Hebert, Marie Denise & Arcade	April 16, 1861
799	Hebert, Marie Genevieve	June 29, 1856
307	Hebert, Marie	Oct. 3, 1835
1574	Hebert, Melasie	July 24, 1879
869	Hebert, Moise	Feb. 4, 1859
655	Hebert, Nanette	Oct. 24, 1850
1617	Hebert, Norbert	Jan. 19, 1881
1589	Hebert, Olivier	Feb. 23, 1880
1162	Hebert, Onezime	Jan. 21, 1868
2172	Hebert, Phillibert	Jan. 6, 1900
1889	Hebert, Philomene	March 31, 1890
2121	Hebert, Placide	Dec. 21, 1897
729	Hebert, Sarrazin	Nov. 18, 1853
517	Hebert, Scholastie	July 15, 1845
1200	Hebert, severin	Jan. 2, 1869
611	Hebert, Theodore	Jan. 25, 1849
1943	Hebert, Theodule, Jr.	Feb. 2, 1892
1661	Hebert, Theodule, Sr.	Sept. 18, 1882
92	Hebert, Ursin	July 13, 1826
313	Hebert, Ursin	Jan. 11, 1836
730	Hebert, Ursin	Nov. 29, 1833
584	Hebert, Valmant	Oct. 20, 1847
462	Hebert, Zenon	August 8, 1842
2136	Hernandez, Elina	March 12, 1898
1302	Hernandez, Jeanette	Sept. 26, 1871
2112	Hernandez, Marie LaGrange	June 14, 1897
1705	Hernandez, Marie	Jan. 30, 1884
1854	Hernandez, Mathilde	Feb. 2, 1889
596	Hernandez, Pierre AKA Phillip	May 24, 1848

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1921	Hernandez, Placide	Feb. 9, 1891
1960	Herpin, Aladen	Sept. 6, 1892
1808	Herpin, Arthemise	May 24, 1885
1735	Herpin, Dolzin	March 19, 1885
616	Herpin, Francoi V.	March 30, 1849
803	Herpin, Victor	Sept. 19, 1856
1598	Herpin, William	July 19, 1880
1702	Hidalgo, Marie Henry	Jan. 24, 1884
1192	Higginbotham, Fanny	July 23, 1868
2110	Higginbotham, James	May 26, 1897
1418	Hillman, Ursule	May 23, 1873
716	Hirsch, Abraham Jason	August 27, 1853
1887	Hoffpauir, John Edward	April 26, 1890
1388	Hoffpauir, John Edward	April 26, 1890
1940	Hoffpauir, Meliman Amanda	Dec. 19, 1891
2103	Hoffpauir, Starcus	Jan. 9, 1897
1685	Hohorst, Henry	Aug. 20, 1883
1543	Hohorst, Henry	June 11, 1878
1005	Hopkins, George	no date
1316	Hopkins, John	March 6, 1872
241	Hornsby, Thomas	Dec. 31, 1832
73	Huy, (no given name)	Oct. 15, 1825
2183	Huff, William D.	July 7, 1900
1493	Hulot, Louis	Oct. 13, 1877
362	Humbert, Jean	Feb. 28, 1839
1532	Hunter, Elizabeth	August 18, 1877

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2065	Ibert, Josephine	June 16, 1896
695	Idalgo, Joseph	July 3, 1828
1308	Ivin, William J.	March 4, 1871
564	Istre, Aurelien	June 15, 1847

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916	Jackson, Anna	March 7, 1861
890	Jackson, George	Jan. 10, 1860
1280	Jackson, Liza	Jan. 24, 1871
1772	Jacob, Clara	May 20, 1886
143	Jacobs, William,	Oct. 8, 1828
1286	Jacquemeau, Alexis, Sr.	March 11, 1871
1229	Jacquemeaux, Alexina	August 23, 1869
1593	Jacquemeaux, Onesia	March 10, 1880



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2182	Jamieson, Hugh	June 30, 1900
251	Janet, Margaret	July 3, 1833
1782	Jany, Celeste	Oct. 14, 1886
420	Jany, Hubert	no date
2094	Jany, Severin	Oct. 2, 1896
1093	Jean, Jean Louis, Marie, Begnaud	Sept. 14, 1866
1093	Jean, Jean Louis	Sept. 14, 1866
1830	Jean Louis, Don	Feb. 1, 1888
1902	Jeffers, Albert V.	Nov. 19, 1890
251	Jenin, Margaret	July 3, 1833
1561	Jenkins, Charles	Jan. 27, 1879
354	Jenkins, James	August 26, 1838
1091	Jenne, Philippine & Vincent B.	Sept. 8, 1866
420	Jenny, Hebert	June 3, 1826
1834	Jim, Ned	June 4, 1888
1220	Johnson, John	April 12, 1869
455	Joiner, Mial Collier, Jr.	June 10, 1842
1664	Jones, Camille	Sept. 18, 1882
2014	Jones, Frederick Abel	June 28, 1894
768	Jones, John	May 25, 1855
1663	Jones, Louisa	Sept. 21, 1882
1663	Jones, Louisa	Sept. 21, 1882
1664	Jones, Sophia	Sept. 18, 1882
856	Joseph, Broussard	no date
1798	Joseph, Toussaint Andre	Feb. 15, 1887
1210	Joumet, Ramos James	Feb. 12, 1869
1579	Judelin, Joseph M.	July 12, 1879
1957	Judice, Albert J.	August 20, 1892
1795	Judice, Joseph	Feb. 9, 1887
1610	Judice, Joseph Alcee	Nov. 6, 1880
1416	Judice, Jules Alcee	April 28, 1873
1755	Judice, Louise Desire	Dec. 17, 1885
797	Judice, Nazilda	May 1, 1856
1225	Judice, Pierre	June 24, 1869

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2039	Kaiser, Rosa Lizzie	March 16, 1895
85	Keith, James	March 31, 1826
76	Kelcher, Jacques	Aug. 3, 1825
2126	Kelly, William	Jan. 29, 1898
1141	Kennedy, John B.	Dec. 21, 1867
173	Kenner, Eugene	Dec. 5, 1829
2106	Koch, Haus Peter	Feb. 18, 1897
1370	Kulls, Charles	August 1, 1872

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# THE TRAHAN FAMILY

by Betty Pourciaux

(Continued from Vol. XXIV, No. 2)

## Jean Baptiste Trahan and Magdaleine Guidry

Jean Baptiste Trahan, son of Chrysostome Trahan and Anne Granger, married 17 October 1802 (ASM-2,71) to Magdaleine Guidry, daughter of Joseph Guidry and Isabel Breau.

Children of Jean Baptiste Trahan and Magdaleine Guidry:

1. Lacroix Narcisse—born 3 May 1804 (ASM 6,28), married 24 November 1823 (ASM 7,121) to Marcelite Daigle, daughter of dec'd Etienne Daigle and Marguerite Landry.
2. Valery Crasom—born 30 December 1805 (ASC 5,238).
3. Trasimond—married 23 January 1826 (ASM 7,149) to Virginie Carmouche, daughter of Hypolite Carmouche and Madeleine LeBlanc.
4. Azelie—married 21 April 1828 (ASM 7,175) to Auguste Maitrejean, son of Joseph Maitrejean and Marguerite Trahan.
5. Simon Anaclet—born 18 January 1808, married 2 March 1835 (Thib. Vol. 1 #491) to Emelite Trahan, daughter of Jean Marie Trahan and Adelaide Lejeune.
6. Marie Abdelina—born 14 December 1809 (ASM 6,186)
7. Marie Carmelite—born 19 June 1813 (ASM 6,298)
8. Mariana Justina—born 27 September 1817 (ASM 8,19), married 2 February 1835 (ASM 7,242) to Elie Gross, daughter of Charles Gross and Marie Survinne.
9. Lucien Auguste—born 12 January 1818 (ASM 8,111).
10. François Silliaque—born 16 March 1820 (ASC 5,454).
11. Hypolite—born 26 January 1822 (ASM 8,211).

## Paul Raymond Trahan and Isabelle Daigle

Paul Raymond Trahan, born 2 August 1765, Morlaix, France, son of Simon Pierre Trahan and Marie Joseph Granger, married 26 November 1785 (PCP—26 November 1789, PCP-19,27) to Isabelle Daigle (b. 1772), daughter of Simon Pierre Daigle and Marie Madeleine Theriot.

Children of Paul Raymond Trahan and Isabelle Daigle

1. Rosalie—born 19 July 1792 (St. Gabriel).
2. Marguerite Elizabeth—born 23 April 1795 (SJO-1,56), married Jean François Tullier. Marguerite Elizabeth was buried 2 August 1826.
3. Celine—married 4 September 1820 (St. Gabriel) to Joseph Frioux, son of François Frioux and Adelaide Godreau.
4. François (Remon)—baptized 7 September 1800, (1 year)
5. Lucia—baptized 18 April 1802 (6 months) (SJO-1,179,180)
6. Joseph Firmin (Raimon)—born 23 August 1806 (St. Joseph), married 5 May 1830 (ASM) to Eleonore Ofinan, daughter of Pierre Ofinan and Susanne Langevin.

### Jean Baptiste Trahan and Anne Genevieve Daigre

Jean Baptiste Trahan, born 1760, son of Simon Pierre Trahan and Marie Josephe Granger, married 22 May 1786 (St. Gabriel), to Anne Genevieve Daigre, daughter of Simon Pierre Daigre and Marie Magdalena Theriot.

Children of Jean Baptiste Trahan and Anne Genevieve Daigre:

1. Marie Helene—born 3 October 1787 (SGA-11,25,#81).
2. Jean Baptiste—born 16 June 1789 (SGA-11,41#151)
3. Marie Anne—born 4 March 1791 (SGA-11,51#210)
4. Mary Ursule—married 2 September 1816 (SGA) to François Theriot, son of Xavier Theriot and Anne Mouton.
5. Joseph—born 15 July 1792 (SGA-11,58)

### Joseph Trahan and Marguerite Josephe Doiron

Joseph Trahan, son of Joseph Trahan and Anne Granger, married 7 January 1800 (St. Gabriel) to Marguerite Joseph Doiron, daughter of Jean Doiron and Anne Thibodeaux.

Children of Joseph Trahan and Marguerite Josephe Doiron:

1. Jean—baptized 18 April 1802 (10 months) (SJO 1, 175).
2. Celeste—born 8 March 1804 (St. Gabriel 11,132), married 30 April 1821 (St. Joseph 3,220) to Laurent Daigre, son of François Daigre and Servante Landry.
3. Valery—married 21 January 1822 (St. Gabriel 14,201) to Azelie Landry, daughter of Pierre Landry and Victoire Eulalie Daigre.

### François Marie Trahan and Marie Madeleine LeBlanc

François Marie Trahan, son of Joseph Trahan and Anne Granger, married 7 March 1804 to Marie Madeleine LeBlanc, daughter of Joseph LeBlanc and Marie Magdalene Landry.

Children of François Marie Trahan and Marie Madeleine LeBlanc:

1. Marie Irene—born 6 May 1806 (SGA-11,149), married 31 December 1827 (St. Joseph 10,30) to Landry Xavier Landry, son of Xavier Landry and Magdeleine Foret.
2. Françoise APolonia—born 2 February 1808 (St. Joseph 6, 43)
3. François Elie—born 5 June 1810 (St. Gabriel 11,203).
4. Norbert—married 23 December 1833 (St. Joseph 10,67) to Seraphine Landry, daughter of Jean Louis Landry and Marie Hebert.
5. Surville—married 12 March 1830 (St. Joseph 10,47) to Marie Zeolide Tullier, daughter of Jean Tullier and Adelaide Daigre.
6. Ursin Joseph—born 3 April 1813 (St. Joseph 6,192).
7. Adelaide Marguerite—born 25 October 1817 (St. Gabriel 11,291).
8. Marie Godineve—born 6 December 1821 (St. Joseph 9,7).
9. Aglace—married 2 January 1837 (SJO 10,83) Marcellin Templet, son of Jean Marie Templet and Marie Clothilde Hebert.

## SEVENTH GENERATION

## Joseph Lufroy Trahan and Julie Hardouin

Joseph Lufroy Trahan, born 1796 (St. Martinville, Vol.4 #915), son of Auguste François Trahan and Marie Angele Faustin, married 15 September 1817 (St. Martinville, Vol. 6 #59), to Julie Ardouin (born 1797, died 8 April 1821, 30 years old), daughter of Etienne Ardoin and Marie Lecuron. Joseph Lufroy Succession dated 1 May 1823.

Children of Joseph Lufroy Trahan and Julie Ardoin:

1. Marie Virginie—born 16 August 1818 (St. Martinville, Vol. 7 #636), married 9 September 1835 (St. Martin Parish Courthouse, Marriage Vol. B page 17), to Claude Vincent Ternant III of Pointe Coupee Parish. She married a second time to Charles Parfange, Sr. She died on 7 November 1887, New Roads, Louisiana, at 69 Years old.

2. Marie Euphyle—born 19 January 1820 (St. Martinville, Vol. 7 #826), married 20 September 1838 (at the home of Vincent Ternant), to Savinien Robillard, son of Pierre Robillard and Adelaide Saizan.

3. Amelina—born 14 August 1823 (St. Martinville), died 30 August 1825 (Lafayette, Vol.2, #22).

## Hilaire Trahan and Celestine Picard

Hilaire Trahan, born 9 July 1804 (St. Martinville, Vol. 7 #70), son of Charles Trahan and Marie Landraux, married 14 October 1833 (St. Martinville, Vol.7 #261) to Celestine Picard.

Children of Hilaire Trahan and Celestine Picard:

1. Charles—born 5 January 1835 (St. Martinville, Vol.8 #803).

2. Hilaire Ovile—born 18 May 1836 (St. Martinville, Vol. 8 #1121).

3. Marie Euseline—born 19 November 1838 (St. Martinville, Vol. 8 #1512).

4. Paulin—born 26 June 1840 (St. Martinville, Vol. 8 #1700).

5. Celestine—born 29 September 1846 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9 #103).

6. Marie Hilaire—born 15 August 1842 (St. Martinville, Vol.8 #1980).

7. Elol—born 4 January 1849 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9, page 118).

## Guillaume Trahan and Celeste Coralie Bouillion

Guillaume Trahan, born 7 July 1812 (St. Martinville, Vol. 6 #1465), son of Charles Trahan and Marie Landraux, married 24 June 1834 (St. Martinville, Vol. 7 #291), to Celeste Coralie Bouillion, of Iberville, daughter of Jean Baptiste Bouillion and Felicite Tourigny (Turcey).

Children of Guillaume Trahan and Celeste Coralie Bouillion:

1. Sylvain—born 1835. Died 30 October 1836 (St. Martinville, Vol.5, page 64 #88).

2. Louis—born 26 September 1836 (St. Martinville, Vol.8 #977).

3. Scholastique—born 1838 (St. Martinville, Vol. 8 #1366), married 16 January 1854 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9 #75), to Michael Alleman, son of Balthazar Alleman and Claire Trahan.

4. Julien—born 20 May 1840 (St. Martinville, Vol. 8 #1714), married 23 November 1857, to Azelie Guidry, daughter of Narcisse Guidry and Emerenthe Blanchard.

5. Marie Julie—born 20 December 1841 (St. Martinville, Vol. 8 #1886), married 20 September 1858 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9 #257), to Louis Sylvain Dore, son of Jacques Dore and Virginie Blanchard.

6. Marie Josephine—born 7 March 1844 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9 #68), married 3 December 1860 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9, #311), to Desire Guidry, son of Narcisse Guidry and Emerenthe Blanchard.

7. Marie Ordalie—born 10 February 1846 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9 #81).

8. Marie Anaise—born 7 December 1847 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9 #37), married 26 July 1880 (St. Martinville, Vol. 10 #841), to Felix Degeyter.

9. Jules—born 14 January 1850 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9 #23), married 8 February 1869 (St. Martinville, Vol. 10 #128), to Celemene Wiltz, daughter of Alexandre Wiltz and Celima Barras. Jules married a second time on 2 January 1878 to Elmire Rees, daughter of Charles Rees and Calize Breaux.

10. Marie Euseide—born 15 November 1852 (St. Martinville, Vol. 9 #2), married 11 August 1873 (St. Martinville, Vol. 10 #528), to Anatole Periou, son of Jean Dorville Periou and Rosalie Wiltz.

11. Charles—born 15 August 1855 (St. Martinville, Vol. 10 #146), married 21 December 1874, to Virginie McCline.

12. Joseph—born 18 February 1859 (Breaux Bridge, Vol. 1 page 6), married 27 June 1879 (St. Martinville, Vol. 10 #792), to Julie Champagne.

#### Jean Joseph Trahan and Adelle Renaud

Jean Joseph Trahan, born 19 June 1793, son of Jean Marie Trahan and Adelaide Tullier, married 6 July 1818 to Adelle Renaud, daughter of Pierre David Renaud and Anne Rousseau.

Children of Jean Joseph Trahan and Adelle Renaud:

1. Juana Augustina—born 18 July 1819, married 8 April 1834 to Jean Baptiste Guidry, son of Beloni Guidry and Margaret Dupuy.

2. Marguerite Adelina—born 17 April 1820, married 18 April 1836 to Joseph LeTullier, son of Isidore Le Tullier and Marie Eloise Daigle.

3. Marie Azema Doralise—born 4 November 1821.

4. Rose Adelaide Estelle—born 21 March 1824.

5. Josephine Eleonore—born 5 November 1826.

#### Joseph Narcisse Trahan and Eleonore Landry

Joseph Narcisse Trahan, born 15 September 1808 (Assumption 6,142), son of Joseph Trahan and Henriette LeBlanc, married 23 February 1829 (Assumption 7,180), to Eleonore Landry, daughter of Alexandre Landry and Collette Hebert. Joseph Narcisse died 8 February 1844 (Assumption, 10,44) at 40 years old.

Children of Joseph Narcisse Trahan and Eleonore Landry:

1. Marie—born 6 July 1830 (Assumption 8,366) died 8 September 1834 (Assumption 3,247) at 4 years old.

2. Marguerite Adelaide—born 18 July 1832 (Assumption 8,401)

3. Marie Stephanie—born 10 April 1841 (Assumption 9,157).

4. Marie Elodie—born 9 August 1843 (Assumption 9,213)

### Auguste Drusine Trahan and Marie Stephanie Serre

Auguste Drusine Trahan, born 5 July 1811 (Assumption 6,220), son of Joseph Trahan and Henriette LeBlanc, married 16 November 1835 (St. James, at home of bride 2,208), to Marie Stephanie Serre, daughter of Hugue Serre and Euphrosie Bergeron.

Children of Auguste Drusine Trahan and Stephanie Serre:

1. Henry Camille—born 10 October 1836 (SMI-6,51 or SJA-5,20)
2. Severin—born 12 February 1839 (SMI-6,90)
3. Augustin Telisma—born 23 June 1844 (SJA-5,47), died 14 March 1846 (SJA—4,73a).
4. Marie Elzida—born 27 September 1841 (SJA-5,34).
5. Jean Baptiste Oscar—born April 1848, baptized 25 August 1849 (SJA-5-79).
6. Jean Felix—born 24 June 1851 (SJA 5-98).
7. Joseph Victor—born 2 October 1846 (SJA 5-69).
8. Marie Lavina—born 12 September 1854 (SJA 5,117).

### Trasimond Trahan and Clementine Savoy

Trasimond Trahan, son of Joseph Trahan and Henriette Le Blanc, married 4 February 1839 (Assumption 7,311 ), to Clementine Savoy, daughter of Joseph Savoy and Marcellite Rousseau.

Children of Trasimond Trahan and Clementine Savoy:

1. Marie Josephine—born 22 July 1840 (Assumption 9,134).
2. Marie Angelina—born 3 September 1842 (Assumption 9,192), buried 11 September 1847 (Assumption 10,77)
3. Joseph Arcade Theogene—Born 12 January 1847(SEZ 2,39)
4. Marie Filomene—born 14 August 1849 (SEZ 5,19)
5. Joseph Oscar—born 18 August 1853 (SEZ 5,123).

### Trasimond Trahan and Genevieve Virginie Carmouche

Trasimond Trahan, son of Jean Baptiste Trahan and Magdeleine Guidry, married 23 January 1826 (Assumption 7,149), to Genevieve Virginie Carmouche (born 19 February 1808 (Ascension 5,306), daughter of Hypolite Carmouche and Madeleine LeBlanc. Trasimond died 2 October 1860. Succession #593 (Thib. Ct. Hse).

Children of Trasimond Trahan and Genevieve Virginie Carmouche:

1. Valery Frumence—born 27 October 1826 (Assumption 8,311). Died 1833.
2. Alexander Ulger—born 25 June 1829 (Assumption 8,355). Died 9 December 1860.
3. Virginie Emerite—born 2 November 1831 (Assumption 8,391).
4. Marie Amelia—born 2 6 February 1837 (Assumption 9,48). Married 2 May 1857 (Assumption 14,28), to Guillaume Truxillo.
5. Marie Rosema—born 29 December 1839 (Assumption 9,117), married 4 February 1860 (Thib. courthouse marriage Vol.11#8), to Joseph Babin.
6. Joseph Numa—born 9 April 1843 (Assumption 9,209).
7. Marie Eugenie—born 28 December 1845 (Assumption 9,255).
8. Marie Azelle—born 13 July 1849 (Assumption 9,308)
9. Edmond.

# DECLARATION IN FAVOR OF THE LATE SAMUEL WELLS FOR HIS LANDS<sup>1</sup>

February 1 to February 3, 1800

 submitted by Jacqueline O. Vidrine 

Levi Wells, inhabitant of Rapides Post, in my name and in that of Dorcas Hugh, my mother, and of my brothers and sisters,<sup>2</sup> co-heirs with me of my deceased father, Samuel Wells.

At Opelousas

Jan. 31, 1800

Interrogation

Feb. 1, 1800

of Theophile Collins<sup>3</sup>: testimony he knew dec. Samuel Wells. He came from Natchez to this post of Opel. with all his family (1780) and that he lived here until 1794 when he retired with his family to Rapides Post. It was never known that he or his family lacked in loyalty to the Spanish government.

Theophile Collins is Protestant, native of Virginia, and is 46 years old  
of Luke Collins, fils<sup>4</sup>:

testimony - about same as above this adds he thinks Samuel Wells came from Natchez the same year 1779 that Baton Rouge was taken. That he acquired land here, but Luke does not know how much but does know of one large tract at Prairie Mamou with a big vacherie cared for by hired hands. Luke Collins is Anglican (religion), native of Virginia, aged 48 years. Then Luke declares he is sure Samuel Wells came to Opelousas the same spring [1780] after the fort of Baton Rouge was taken [21 Sept. 1779].

Interrogation

of Michel Prudhomme<sup>5</sup>: testimony - he and Wells were inhabitants of Natchez when it was under the English. Wells established himself and all the family he had then and he lived "comme habitant" until the *conquête* (conquest) of Gálvez brought Natchez under Spanish rule and that

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<sup>1</sup> This information was given to the author some years ago, and did not possess a source citation. Anyone knowing the source of the declaration, please contact Mrs. Vidrine at 803 E. Main St., Vile Platte, La., 70586.

<sup>2</sup> Emily, daughter of Samuel Wells and Dorothy Hugh, married at Opelousas, 5 October 1789, William Holston. Another daughter, Tabitha, married there 7 Jan. 1790, Richard E. Cuny of Rapides. Samuel Wells was in the Opelousas area by June 1781 (Louisiana State Archives Records, 11 June 1781). He bought 3 tracts of land in 1782 (Louisiana State Archives Records, 14 & 15 Feb. 1782) and sold them on 21 June 1784.

<sup>3</sup> Theophile Collins, born about 1753, was son of Luke Collins and Sarah White of Ireland. He married Elizabeth Leonard before 1792, perhaps a second marriage. One Theophile Collins and Anne Eve Jay (or Joy) had a child baptized at Opelousas in August 1782. According to the marriage of one brother in 1787, they had been in Natchez. The marriage of an elder brother in 1782 names the groom as native of Hampshire County, Va.

<sup>4</sup> Luke Collins, born about 1741, was the elder brother of Theophile. When he married Zoe Courtableau in 1782, he was identified as native of Hampshire County, Virginia.

<sup>5</sup> Michel Prudhomme, born about 1739, was probably the spouse of Marie (or Catherine?) Snyder (Snaider, Ralndor, Rathemaurem, Schnyder) who donated land to build the church in 1786.

he resided . . . . without interruption until 1780 when he came with his family to Opelousas and lived here until 1794 when he and his family moved to Rapides Post. Prudhomme declared he was Wells' neighbor in Natchez while it was English and that the land he lived on belonged to Mr. Bradley, but Wells told him when they were leaving for Opelousas that he had bought it, but Prudhomme did not see the occupation (? may be "title"). Wells told same thing to dec. Joseph Wible.<sup>6</sup> Prudhomme knows he acquired one piece of land in the quarter of Bellevue but does not know what he owns now.

Michel Prudhomme is Catholic, native of Alsace, and age 60 years - Signs by mark.

#### Interrogation

Jean Gradenigo<sup>7</sup> testimony: same as first one. Wells came to Opelousas in 1780 and stayed until 1794. Jean Gradenigo is a Catholic, native of Venice, age (64?) years.

Mentions a Mssr. William Wells<sup>8</sup> as having written about this same matter.

Then Martin Duralde<sup>9</sup> [cmdt. of Opel. Post] writes that he'd always heard Wells had sold out in Bellevue before moving to Bayou Chicot there he farmed and established a big vacherie at Prairie Mamou, left under the care of hired help. Both these amount to 96 arpents.

<sup>6</sup> Joseph "Wible" [Wyble], probably the one who died in October 1793. Apparently his wife was Susanne Vincent.

<sup>7</sup> Jean Gradenigo, son of Antoine Gradenigo and Marie Bettio, was a native of Venice. When he died in March 1809, his age was given as 80 yrs. On 17 March 1766, at Mobile, he married Marguerite Krebs, Jacqueline O. Vidrine, comp. & trans., *Love's Legacy* (Lafayette, 1985), pp. 344-45. They had moved to the Opelousas Post before 1778.

<sup>8</sup> Williams Wells may have been Wiling Wells, spouse of Rose Meullon, of Baton Rouge according to an 1804 or 1805 Record in Opelousas Church bk 1, p. 397.

<sup>9</sup> For Martin Duralde, see Jacqueline O. Vidrine, "Duralde, Martin Melony," in Glenn R. Conrad, ed., *A Dictionary of Louisiana Biography*, 2 vols (New Orleans, 1988), II, 273.

## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO . . .

### THE WELCOME RAIN\*

Franklin, La., June 6.—[Special.]—The long drought was broken to-day by quite a heavy shower of a half hour's duration, and which was greedily drank by the thirsty earth. The extent of the rain is not known, but apparently it was quite general from a short distance above to a considerable distance below town. There is no doubt the crops are greatly benefited and in some places saved by this most opportune rain and the public roads rid of the terrible cloud of dust, while empty cisterns have been partially replenished.

\*From the New Orleans Daily Picayune, June 7, 1889



## *Do You Remember . . . ?*

### **SOME EVENTS OCCURRING IN NEW IBERIA IN THE YEAR 1935\***

- Jan. 4. Collins Conrad announced that he will open his brick factory three miles west of New Iberia in March. It will have a capacity of 60,000 bricks per day.
- Jan. 11. The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co (A & P) will move this month into the Masonic Temple, next to the express office.
- Jan. 25. Snow fell in New Iberia for the first time since 1917.
- Feb. 1. The Kiwains Club Organized. Officers for the year are President, Dr. Loy R. Olivier; 1st Vice President, Judge James D. Simon; 2nd Vice President, Dr. H. M. Flory; secretary, Henry A. Blanchet; treasurer, Alfred Renoudet. Directors are Hawley J. Gary, Justin Wormser, Lee Junca, J. Wofford Sanders, Andrew Romero, Erland Johnson, and Charles I. Bray.
- Feb. 22. Msgr. J. M. Langlois, pastor of St. Peter's Church, was invested with the title of Prothonotary Apostolic, a rank conferred on but few priests in the United States. Fr. Langlois is the only one in Louisiana to have the honor.
- Mar. 1. City Hall Dedicated. Mayor Joseph A. Dalgre presided at the dedication ceremonies. Porteus R. Burke delivered the dedication remarks.
- Mar. 29. Chemistry Club Organized at St. Peters College. Charles Carstens, a former student, was instrumental in getting the club organized. Officers of the new club are Francis deBlanc, president; Lloyd Boutte, vice president; Leon Minvielle, secretary; and Roland Miguez, treasurer.
- Apr. 12. New Iberia Experiences Dust Clouds. First experience with a heavy dusting occurred this week.
- May 10. St. Peter's College to Graduate 18 Young Men. Graduation exercises are scheduled to be held in the auditorium of New Iberia High School. Lloyd Boutte will be valedictorian; Carlyle Bourgeois, salutatorian. Graduates were Burley J. Aucolin, Louis J. Babineaux, Anthony Bodin, J. Carlyle Bourgeois, Lloyd P. Boutte, Dracos D. Burke, Carol L. DeBlanc, Francis X. DeBlanc, Loyce H. Derouen, Roy C. Durand, Claude J. Hebert, Joseph W. Jefferson, Dennis A. Lefeux, Roland J. Miguez, Leon J. Minvielle, Jr., Jeffery A. Richard, Roland R. Robichaux, and John G. Simon. Class motto: "Today decides Tomorrow."

\* Dates provided are those of the issue of the weekly *New Iberia Enterprise*, not the actual date of the event.

May 24. Mt. Carmel Convent Holds Graduation. Graduation exercises were held at St. Peter's Church. The graduates were Rose Irma Bayard, Ruth Elizabeth Bertrand, Agnes Bourriaque, Helna Elizabeth Broussard, Laura Marie Dugas, Agnes May Gary, Lucy Mae Lovas, Kinta Blanche Oubre, Mary Ann Segura, and Grace Voorhies. Class valedictorian was Kinta Oubre; salutatorian was Lucy Mae Lovas. Class colors were blue and silver. Class flower: pink rosebuds. Class motto: "On the violin of life, we play the chords of success."

May 31. High School Closes with 31 Graduates. Invocation given by the Reverend R. R. Diggs; Class representative, John W. Trotter; Class History, Jeanette Weil; Class Prophecy, Elia Boudreaux; Farewell Address, Dorothy Nelson; Benediction by Msgr. J. M. Langlois. Graduates were Irene Myrtle Alexander, Vietta Angier, Lena Theresa Bennett, Elia Boudreaux, Jeanne Marie Breaux, Eldridge Joseph Broussard, Florence Agnes Broussard, Alice Amelia Derouen, Lucille Cecile Dorsey, Wilson James Drago, Valery James Durann, Newton Isaac Guldry, Arthur Edward Hickson, Warren Paul Hulin, A. T. Jones, Rita Winnie Moore, Katherine Elizabeth Miller, Mildred Mary Myers, Dorothy Elizabeth Nelson, Walter Joseph O'Brien, Margaret Edia Romero, Marie Sorrel, Nora Josephine Romero, William West Shull, Solonge Edward Sorrel, John Wallace Trotter, Eldridge John Turner, Charles Vuillemot, Dorothy Walker, Jeanette Hortense Weil, and Louise Monica Young.

June 14. Iberia Parish produced approximately 385,000 tons of sugarcane in 1934.

June 28. Big Birthday Party. Master Rene Patout entertained his many friends last Saturday with a "circus" at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patout . . . . As guests entered the garden they were greeted by the young host and by Jimmy Hall and Gerald Estorge, who were dressed as clowns and presented the children with balloons. At the appointed hour the circus performance began. The program was as follows: tallest man in the world Gervais Patout; tightrope walker, Carrol Dupuy; bearback rider, Gerry Fisher; Fat lady, Elizabeth Burke; Hoola girl, Betsy Barrow; midgets, Sue Bernard and Karl Conrad; snake charmer, Katherine Kyle; strong man, Edmond Story; magician, Clarence Louviere, Jr.; and the pretty girl in the box, Julie Louviere; tap dancer, Gene Dauterive. Circus Master, Gerald Patout . . . .

July 26. Census shows there are 9305 Educable Pupils in Iberia Parish. This figure down from 10,088 in 1931.

Oct. 4. Miss Fasnacht Dies. Miss Marie Louise Fasnacht died September 26. She was 86 years old. About 1890 she established in New Iberia the Fasnacht Graded Institute. She taught languages, music, bookkeeping, and shorthand. She is survived by her nephew Louis N. Forsyth.

Dec. 13. New Home. Richard E. Mire has purchased a lot of ground on Prairie Avenue and is having erected a ten-room residence to be occupied by his family. The carpentry work is being done by Adonis Broussard.

# THE HURRICANES OF SUMMER 1934\*

Storm Hits This Section  
Morgan City Is Hard Hit;  
Baton Rouge in Path of Disturbance

Hundreds take Shelter in State Capitol Tower  
Building—Wind Velocity Estimated at  
Between 50 and 60 Miles an Hour

This section of Louisiana was being hit by a wind of high intensity today, and wide-spread damage was feared. Crippled communication lines made it difficult to gather details, but meager reports indicated the storm was covering a wide area.

Morgan City was reported hard hit and other points in the path of the blow were believed to have sustained extensive property losses.

The storm struck the Louisiana coast this morning and the wind velocity steadily increased during the morning as the day wore on.

Wind of 75 to 100 miles an hour velocity was reported.

New Orleans, June 16 (AP)—Not a single building in Morgan City escaped the tropical hurricane which struck there early today. Chimneys were blown down, homes unroofed, windows smashed, and debris scattered throughout the city.

No deaths or injuries had been reported.

At Ferriday, La., 200 miles north of Morgan City, the storm hit between noon and 1:00 o'clock, totally demolishing the St. Thomas Catholic Church, and causing other damage.

The roaring winds stripped the clothing from a five-year-old child, who was injured.

Negro tenants' homes on neighboring plantations were reported seriously damaged.

At 2:00 o'clock this afternoon the disturbance with near hurricane force was whipping through Baton Rouge at a wind velocity estimated at between 50 and 60 miles an hour.

Every resident in the city ran to shelter and business was thrown into a complete standstill. The disturbance was accompanied by a driving tropical downpour so dense that vision was almost obscured.

Several hundred men and women, among them state officials and employees and school children were sheltered from the blow inside the strong State Capitol tower building as the storm howled by.

Trees were uprooted throughout the city and minor damage was reported to dwellings, but at the height of the storm no major damage had been reported by the fire department officials.

New Orleans, June 16 (AP)—A wind of 75 miles velocity struck Morgan City at 11 o'clock this morning, strewing trees in the streets, shutting off part of the electric light service and threatening small buildings. The barometer dropped .26 points during the morning, standing at 29.10 at 11:00 o'clock.

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\* From the *Lafayette Daily Advertiser*, June 16 & 18, 1934 and August 29-31, 1934.

The New Orleans Weather Bureau previously had issued warnings to Gulf Coast points, between Morgan City and Vermilion Bay. The storm was expected to sweep far inland and residents as far north as Opelousas were advised to brace for the blow.

It was the same storm that swept San Salvador a few days ago and sea craft had been warned of its approach. The effects of the storm had been felt all morning along the gulf coast as far east as Gulfport, where the barometer dropped and a tide nearly three feet above normal smashed against the seawall.

At 11:00 o'clock no damage of consequence had been reported.

The sugarcane crop which is the main crop in this area was reportedly badly damaged. The high wind which has been blowing over this area since three a. m. today in gusts in increasing velocity.

At noon the wind was blowing at from 75 to 100 miles an hour. Fishermen in power luggers ran their boats into bayous for shelter but the whereabouts of several had not been located by officials who were making hasty checks.

Youngsville Is Hard Hit  
by the Hurricane  
(Special to the Advertiser)

Youngsville, June 18.—Youngsville was hard hit by the hurricane Saturday.

St. Anne's Catholic Church was damaged to the extent that the building is beyond repair and unfit for further use, it is stated by the pastor, the Reverend B. W. Neyboer.

The sugar factory and canning factory losses here are estimated at several thousand dollars.

Dupleix Brothers store was crushed by a large oak tree, one of the clerks barely escaping.

Roofs were torn off buildings and trees uprooted. All telephone and light wires were torn down. Streets were blocked by fallen trees.

Seven Deaths from Storm  
\$100,000 or More Storm Damage Here  
Loss Mounts as Check Made of  
Results of Hurricane and  
Rain Saturday

Damage in this city from the wind and rain storm Saturday was estimated today at around \$100,000 or possibly more, as a more complete check added to the preliminary figures on the losses.

Repairing of damage to electric and telephone lines here was started as soon as it was possible to do so. Large forces of men worked Saturday night, Sunday and last [Sunday] night and continued today in speeding restoration of service.

"We wish to thank the citizens of Lafayette for their cooperation and patience they have shown during the time they were without electric service," Trustee of Public Property Wilson J. Peck said today.

We now have practically all service restored in business places and homes, but the street lights will be out for two or three days. We employed all available electricians in the city to assist the plant force in rushing the repairs, and this work has been carried on night and day since the storm.

Approximately 400 telephones here were put out of commission by the storm, it was stated by Group Manager Frank Baranco of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. Trees falling across cables cut off many phones at a time. Repairs have been made by available employees and additional cable men were en route here today from New Orleans.

About half of the phones cut off had been restored today, Manager Baranco said.

Scores of business places and homes throughout the city were damaged, the loss in some instances running into hundreds, and in some cases, thousands of dollars.

The Peoples Cotton Oil Mill Company's damage here [Lafayette] was estimated at about \$6,000, partly covered by insurance, and losses were also sustained by the company at Broussard, Parks, Nina, and possibly Cankton.

Plate glass windows in Montgomery Ward and Company store were blown out, causing an estimated damage of between \$1,000 and \$1,200 to owners of the building and about \$50 water damage to the stock.

Stock damage from water was caused at the Heymann store when the wind tore off the roof flashings. The loss, covered by insurance, was confined principally to stock in show windows and in show cases on the main floor.

Southern Pacific Railroad had an estimated damage of about \$1,000 in this city, a total of approximately \$10,000 along its lines in South Louisiana. The freight depot here was damaged.

Extensive damage was caused at the A. F. Boustany general merchandise store when a section of the roof gave way, and water damaged the stock.

Among other buildings where damage occurred was the Woodmen Home on Jefferson Street where part of the roof was blown off and water invaded the Woodmen quarters on the second floor and the Antler's Billiard Parlor on the ground floor.

Falling trees struck some local homes and badly damaged them. Occupants had narrow escapes. Among the residences damaged by trees were those of Henry Martin, Mrs. O. B. Hopkins, J. G. Hoffpauir, and Basil Clark.

Windows of the Palais Royal, on Jefferson Street, were broken causing an estimated damage of about \$600 to the building and about \$200 or \$300 to the stock. These losses were stated not covered by insurance.

Damage was caused to several rooms and equipment of the Evangeline Hotel when the heavy wind-driven rain penetrated some of the walls, and also as a result of a door of the penthouse on the roof blowing open, letting water into the elevator shaft.

The fence at Parkdale, local baseball park, was blown down.

It is estimated that a hundred or more homes, in various parts of the city, sustained damage, principally through sections of roofs blowing off.

Untold damage was done to corn, and possibly to other crops, the extent of which has not yet been definitely determined.

Storm Damage Heavy  
in St. Martin Parish  
(Special to the Advertiser)

St. Martinville, June 18—Extensive damage is reported here and in the parish as a result of Saturday's storm. The loss here is estimated at \$25,000 or more.

Some persons were reported injured when the Catahoula Inn, at Catahoula, collapsed. The building had been occupied by families of several men working or engaged in levee work.

At least 5 buildings were blown down or damaged between here [St. Martinville] and Catahoula; cattle were killed.

Many local business firms sustained damage when roofs were blown off. The top of the steeple of the local catholic church was blown down.

St. Bernard's Convent at Breaux Bridge was damaged and a school building at Cade was moved off its foundation and partly wrecked.

Aged Man Hurt  
During Storm at Abbeville  
Extensive Damage Reported  
in City and in Other Parts  
of Vermilion Parish  
(Special to the Advertiser)

Abbeville, June 18—Sim Romain, aged resident of Abbeville, suffered a fractured arm and collarbone in an automobile accident Saturday during the hurricane and heavy downpour which swept in from Vermilion bay at a velocity of nearly 70 miles an hour. Severe damage in Abbeville and Vermilion Parish was caused by the storm, the worst witnessed in this section for a number of years.

Falling trees damaged several homes here, broke down electric lines and several telephone communications. Roofs from several buildings were blown off and the Electric Cotton Gin Co. here [Abbeville] was completely demolished.

The aged man hurt in the accident was running for shelter when his hat was blown off. As he attempted to recover his hat he ran in[to] the path of a delivery truck driven by Horace Guidry and was struck down.

Storm May Hit Louisiana  
Tropical Disturbance Is Reported Heading  
Back Eastward Today

Indicate Blow May Pass Inland  
Around Cameron Parish  
If It Continues On Its New Course

New Orleans, Aug. 29. (AP)—The freakish gulf disturbance which was off the Texas coast this week seemed headed for the southwestern tip of Louisiana today, probably Cameron parish.

Dr. I. M. Cline, weather bureau meteorologist here, issued a stern warning placing the disturbance about 100 miles south of Galveston, moving northeastward toward the extreme eastern Texas and western Louisiana coasts.

Dr. Cline at 10:00 a.m. had reports from three ships in the locality of the storm. One vessel, 100 miles south of Galveston, reported east wind at 34 miles, raining, barometer 29.80. The third, 60 miles off the west Louisiana coast, reported northeast winds, 28 miles, barometer 29.90.

Dr. Cline said hourly observations would be made at Galveston and Port Arthur and at points between, with special observation every two hours at Morgan City, New Orleans and Port Eads.

Tropical Storm's Route Still Uncertain  
Warning Today Advises Ships Show Caution  
Eccentric Disturbance Reported 280 Miles  
Southwest of Port Eads, La.  
May Hit Alabama or Mississippi  
Dr. Cline of Weather Bureau  
Says Blow Apparently to Take  
Northeasterly Course

New Orleans, Aug. 30 (AP).—The eccentric tropical disturbance shifting about in the Gulf of Mexico off the Louisiana and Texas coasts was reported 280 miles southwest of Port Eads, La., today.

Dr. I. M. Cline, meteorologist of the Weather Bureau here, said the blow would apparently take a northeasterly course. He said the route was too uncertain at present to determine whether it would strike inland.

If the disturbance pursued a course northeastward, it would probably strike the Mississippi or Alabama coasts.

The hurricane warning issued today said the disturbance was "moving eastward with indications that it would turn to northeast attended by gales and winds of hurricane force over a small area near [the] center."

Vessels in its path were cautioned.

Dr. Cline said an observer had been stationed at Port Eads to make reports at regular intervals.

The storm yesterday was reported heading for the southwest Louisiana coast, near Cameron Parish, but that section reported no unusual weather.

#### Gulf Storm Continues to Be Puzzling

New Orleans, Aug. 31 (AP).—The tropical disturbance, still hovering in the south-central part of the Gulf of Mexico, today continued to puzzle weather experts.

An official weather bureau advisory at 9:30 a.m. said the storm was apparently located in the south central gulf region but that it was impossible to locate the center of the disturbance or to gauge the direction of its movements.

The intensity of the storm, however, was believed to be dying out, observers said.

## BOOK REVIEWS

QUEST FOR THE PROMISED LAND: *Official Correspondence Relating to the First Acadian Migration to Louisiana, 1764-1769*. edited by Carl Brasseaux. (Lafayette, La.: Center for Louisiana Studies, c1989. Cloth, 8 1/2 x 11. Index. 175 pp. \$17.50).

Anyone who has spent some time in South Louisiana, especially in the Acadiana region, has heard the story of the forced emigration of the Acadian people from their homeland in Canada in Acadie where they had dwelled in peace as the "Neutral French" for well over a century. Their descendants still love to talk about the Grand Dérangement of 1755. Indeed, every American schoolchild exposed to Longfellow's epic poem "Evangeline" thrills to the abiding love story of two romantic characters and the heroine's search through many years of separated exile.

In both instances, however, the passage of time and the poet's romanticism have dulled the grim reality of a peace-loving people torn from their homeland, pawns of the viciousness of international power struggle. The present volume sets the truth in sharper focus, alternating genuine concern for their welfare and rigid harshness towards them.

The compilers of this work are to be congratulated with sincere appreciation for the monumental task of ploughing through countless documents to assemble this pertinent collection. It must have been a tedious effort in research, hampered by time-damaged documents, peculiarities of penmanship, and the idiosyncrasies of linguistic expression.

It is refreshing to see that the editor has adverted to the admonition of Malcolm Muggeridge regarding "eyewitness fallacy" which includes the almost universal temptation for the researcher to interpret past motivation of events in light of one's own prior conceptions and convictions.

One small example—and there are many others—is the editorial care to verify from other sources the presence of Acadian families in Philadelphia as stated by one Acadian in Louisiana. Thumbnail identification of persons mentioned in the correspondence has also been very helpful.

Far from being the dry as dust verbiage one can easily associate with "Official Correspondence" the present volume has managed to pique the curiosity of this reviewer. He has now many queries resolvable only by much collateral reading.

This official recording of the tragic condition of an entire people should be of interest to their many families even today as well as to all interested in Louisiana's past at a time of pragmatic uncertainties of a French "caretaker" administration awaiting a Spanish government and with the Mississippi River marking the international boundary line of British held territory. This was Louisiana of the 1760's.

Lafayette, LA

Rev. James Geraghty



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Joseph Gutierrez, Sr.  
1843-1890

# JOSEPH GUTIERREZ CONFEDERATE VETERAN

by  
Pearl Mary Segura


Joseph Gutierrez, Confederate veteran, farmer and constable, was born in Spain in 1843, one of nine sons of Carlos Gutierrez and Maria Loporte, with whom he lived on a farm.

Gutierrez is a patronimic derived from *Gutierre* the German Walthari or Walter. The ending *-ez* means *son of*. "It is of ancient origin dating to the germanic (Visigoth) period, or even to the Roman period preceeding."<sup>1</sup>

After a chastisement from what he considered an overly strict father, Joseph, ever an adventurous youth, left home on horse back at the end of 1857, at the tender age of fifteen, to seek his fortune in the New World. He crossed a stream on a ferry, then sold his horse. With the proceeds he made his way to the port of Mahon, chief city of the Spanish island of Menorca, one of the Balearic Islands in the western Mediterranean Sea, 90 miles from Palma de Mallorca, off the east coast of Spain. There he booked passage on the *Plus Ultra* whose master was J. Vitto. Listed among the passengers was J. Gutierrez, age 15, sex: male, occupation: student, Country to which he belonged: Spain. The ship arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 11, 1858.<sup>2</sup>

Joseph found employment in New Orleans where he remained for the next three years until the outbreak of the War between the States.

On October 5, 1861, at the age of eighteen, he enlisted at Camp Moore in Tangipahoa Parish as a private in Company D, 18th Louisiana Infantry, Col. Alfred Mouton's unit. On October 27, 1862, he was taken prisoner during the Battle of Lafourche and was paroled on the same day at Labadieville, where he had been captured. This information was recorded on a list dated Department of the Gulf, Headquarters Reserve Brigade, Camp Stevens, Thibodaux, Louisiana, November 14, 1862. On August 30, 1863 he was on detached duty with Capt. Sheppard, acting Regimental Quartermaster.<sup>3</sup> Thus ends his incomplete official service record.

It is known that he was for a short while in Vermilion Parish in August 1863 for he registered his cattle brand  in that Parish: (Number 13985).<sup>4</sup> On November 16, 1863, he was one of the

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<sup>1</sup> Charles R. Maduett, Jr. *Index of Spanish Citizens Entering the Port of New Orleans Between January 1840 and December 1865* (New Orleans, 1966), p. 34, p. viii, appendix; U. S. Bureau of Customs. *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1820-1902*. Washington, National Archives, 1969.

<sup>2</sup> Webster's *Geographic Dictionary* (Springfield, Mass., 1966), p. 655; *The Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer of the World* (New York, 1962), p. 1121; U. S. Bureau of Customs. *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New Orleans, 1820-1902*. Washington, D. C., National Archives, 1969; *Index of Spanish Citizens*.

<sup>3</sup> Andrew B. Booth. *Records of Louisiana Confederate Soldiers and Louisiana Confederate Commands* (New Orleans, 1920), Volume II, p. 966 (Garrus, Jos.); Volume III, Book I, p. 69 (Gutierrez, Joseph).

<sup>4</sup> *Brand Book of the Opelousas and Attakapas Districts, 1739-1898*, vol. 1, p. 396.

witnesses to the marriage in St. Mary Magdalene Church of Jean Landry and Marguerite Frederick by Rev. J. A. Poyet, Pastor.<sup>5</sup>

But by March 1864 Joseph was back in the service according to the following deposition:

State of Louisiana  
Parish of Vermilion,

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared Francois Frederick and Theodule Bourque, both well known to me, residents of the Parish of Vermilion, Louisiana, and first being placed under oath, depose and say:

That, they both served in the 7th La., Cavalry, during the whole of the war in Company H, Col. Branger and Captain Ransom; that they served therein until the surrender; that Joseph Goutierrez served there in with them, having joined the 7th La., in the year 1864 in the month of March; that he served therein honorably until the surrender; that we know of our personal knowledge that he never deserted the cause of the confederacy, but that on the contrary he was a good and faithful soldier:

That we are not related to Mrs. Lézima Trahan, the widow of Joseph Goutierrez, either by marriage, nor by blood; that we have no interest in her application whatever.

That both of these two affiants swear that they are both pensioned.

Francois <sup>hus</sup> x Frederick  
                  <sup>mark</sup>

Theodule <sup>hus</sup> x Bourque  
                  <sup>mark</sup>

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of May 1916.

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Clerk of court.<sup>6</sup>

This is in agreement with the statement by Walter Goutierrez, grandson of Joseph, that his father, Otaire, son of Joseph, had many times told him that Joseph left for the war from the house owned in 1963 by Otaire's granddaughter, Glory A. LeBlanc (Mrs. Carol Landry). The house was on a lane just off the bend in the Boston Road, south of Erath, near what is now the Knights of Columbus Hall.<sup>7</sup>

No more records are found in Vermilion Parish on Joseph Gutierrez until after the end of the War Between the States. On February 5, 1867, he was a witness, along with Jos. B. Labit, Onezime Meau and Louis Roger?, to the marriage of Nicolas Meaux, (son of Dosithee Meaux and Francois Simon) to Elizabeth Thibodeaux (daughter of Pierre Thibodeaux and Sylvanie Boudreaux) performed by Th. Lamy, Pastor.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>5</sup> St. Mary Magdalene Church. *Marriage Register, 1862-1873*, vol. 1, no. 29.

<sup>6</sup> State of Louisiana, Office of Board of Pension Commissioners. Letter of June 6, 1966 from Eula Brian, Supervisor of Confederate Pensions

<sup>7</sup> Interview with Walter Goutierrez, Erath, La., September 7, 1963.

<sup>8</sup> St. Mary Magdalene Church, *Marriage Register, 1862-1873*, vol. 1, no. 120.

At about this time, 1868, Joseph Gutierrez married. The marriage records did not escape the fire that burned the Vermilion Parish Courthouse on April 7, 1885, so the marriage record is not available. However, evidence exists that he married Elizabeth Temperance Ellis, born December 20, 1852 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 1, p. 152), daughter of John Ellis and Victorine Dupuy and granddaughter of Victor Dupuis and Modeste Aimee LeBlanc (Laf. ch.: v. 3, p. 140).<sup>9</sup>

On January 7, 1869 (Abbeville ch.: v. 3, p. 6), their first and only child, Avenaire Joseph Goutierrez, was born. He died at the age of eleven months on December 3, 1869 (Abbeville ch.: v. 1, p. 6).<sup>10</sup>

Among other land transactions, a year before, on January 11, 1868, Joseph had acquired from David Frank a piece of property fronting on the *quai de Francais* in Abbeville, Louisiana, bordered on the west by Bayou Vermilion on which there was a wharf. If he so desired, he had the intention of keeping a warehouse on the premises.<sup>11</sup>

Four years later, on July 16, 1872, Joseph sold to his wife this lot Number Three which constituted the property he had acquired, reserving for himself the possession and ownership of the building and wharf for the purposes of a warehouse, which he would remove at will, and extend the wharf whenever he so desired, and use the road to the warehouse which was to be kept open and unobstructed unless he wished otherwise. It was "further agreed between the contracting parties that the community of acquets and gains heretofore existing between them be dissolved and shall not exist after the passage of this act."<sup>12</sup> On this note their marriage came to an early end.

Joseph Goutierrez did not long hold the property listed above which he had reserved. On October 3, 1872, he sold it to Frank R. King, thus relinquishing ownership of all property owned during his first marriage.<sup>13</sup>

Soon Joseph took a second wife Lézima Trahan from Prairie Greig. She was born April 20, 1856, and was the daughter of Maximilien (Similien, Camilien) Trahan and Marie Olive Landry, and granddaughter of Maximilien Landry, veteran of the War of 1812, private in DeClouet's Regiment of the Louisiana Militia, who in 1830 owned 21 slaves.<sup>14</sup> The marriage was performed February 2, 1874, in St. Mary Magdalene Church in Abbeville by Rev. F. Rougé with Manuel Gutierrez, Elols Desormot and Relovy Trahan as witnesses. Joseph signed his surname "Goutierrez" as he was in the habit of doing occasionally ever since his arrival in Louisiana when his name immediately became Gallicized with the addition of the letter "o". The marriage record is filed under the name "Gutierrez."<sup>15</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Hebert, Rev. Donald J. *Southwest Louisiana Records*. v. 5, p. 194, v. 2, p. 303

<sup>10</sup> Hebert, SWLR, v. 9, p. 167.

<sup>11</sup> Conveyance Records, Vermilion Parish, No. 952, David Frank to Joseph Goutierrez, Env. #226; No. 2514, David Frank to Joseph Goutierrez, Env. #807. (Burnt Records).

<sup>12</sup> *Ibid.*, No. 3778, Joseph Goutierrez to Elizabeth T. Ellis, Env. #1198.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, No. 4067, Joseph Goutierrez to Frank R. King, Env. #1441.

<sup>14</sup> Hebert, SWLR, v. 6, p. 564; Pierson, Marion John Bennett. *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812* (Baton Rouge, 1963), p. 70; U. S. Census of 1830 of Lafayette Parish, p. 157.

<sup>15</sup> Hebert, SWLR, v. 11, p. 175, 378 (Alezima Trahan).

On August 16, 1879, Joseph bought from Euphemon Landry a thirtieth interest in land measuring three arpents front by seven arpents deep situated in Gross Isle southwest of Erath.<sup>16</sup>

A claim confirmed by the U. S. Supreme Court on January 28, 1878, to Bouigny et als. was purchased soon after by Joseph Goutierez for in 1883 he gave Emile Thibodeaux permission to convert into pasture a piece of the prairie situated in Vermilion Parish containing 160 acres being the south half of the north section number 34 in Township Thirteen South, Range 4 east of the Louisiana Meridian bounded on the north by Louis Hebert, on the south by Cesaire Meyers and Alfred Moss, on the east by Marin Mouton and on the west by Henry Petry. It was to take until October 5, 1883 for Joseph to establish his residence in the said pasture and enclose at his expense the quarter of land which was left him and his family. He reserved the right to enclose animals in the pasture as well as 100 of Emile Thibodeaux's and to terminate the right when it seemed right to him. This property of Joseph Goutierrez extended one mile east to west and a quarter of a mile wide North to South and can be located today in Prairie Greig on Vermilion Parish Road P2-24, three fourths of a mile from Boston at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 330 and Louisiana Highway 331, of which it is a gravelled extension. It is very near the marsh. Parts of it were later owned by Aubrey Pullins and Adolphe Goutierrez, Joseph's son, whose children, Loula and Willis, inherited his property. Here Joseph and his family lived for the rest of his life, his children attending school at Henry, Louisiana, approximately a mile and a half to the west.<sup>17</sup>

By 1880 the U. S. Census for Vermilion Parish reveals that he had four sons, the youngest of whom, Ortaire, was only one month old. The first had been named Joseph after himself and the second Carlos after his father in Spain with whom he had long since become reconciled through correspondence. The third son was named Maximilien. Also in the household was a cook, Adeline Broussard and her one-year-old-son, Numa.<sup>18</sup>

Joseph Gutierrez served as constable of the Second Ward of Vermilion Parish from 1882 to 1886. One of the least enjoyable of his duties was the holding of Constable's Sales which were announced in the *Meridional*. He served under Justice of the Peace C. A. Mouisset (1882-1884) and Joseph Trahan (1884-1886). He was succeeded by Andrew Moss.<sup>19</sup>

During the period 1883 to 1890 Joseph and Lézima had five other children: Celestine, Adolphe, Donatien, Fernand and, Marie Juana, called Jéna by the family.<sup>20</sup>

Joseph Gutierrez was a dark-complexioned man of medium height with dark brown eyes, hair and mustache and had a stocky build like that which his son Carlos later developed. He was "the best of men and an excellent worker," and was quiet and peaceable when sober but when intoxicated inclined to be argumentative. On the night of August 4, 1890, Joseph took his family

<sup>16</sup> Conveyance Records, Vermilion Parish, No. 3991, Euphemon Landry to Joseph Gutierrez, Env. #368 (Burnt Records).

<sup>17</sup> Conveyance Records, Vermilion Parish, No. 2838, Joseph Goutierez to Emile Thibodeaux, Env. #877 (Burnt Records); interview with Clève Thibodeaux, great grandson of Emile Thibodeaux, June 25, 1989.

<sup>18</sup> U. S. Census, 1880, Vermilion Parish, p. 11a-12, no. 194. Hebert, SWLR, v. 11, p. 175; v. 12, p. 213; v. 13, p. 240; v. 14, p. 247.

<sup>19</sup> *Biennial Report of the Secretary of State of the Louisiana to his Excellency S. D. McEnery, Governor of Louisiana, May 1884* (Baton Rouge, 1884), p. 114; *ibid.*, May 1885, p. 157; *ibid.*, 1886-1887, p. 170, *Meridional*, v. 27, no. 30, Abbeville, La., Samedi, 8 novembre, 1884, p. 1, col. 2-3; Saturday Nov. 22, 1884, p. 3, col. 3; Saturday, Dec. 20, 1884, p. 1, col. 4.

<sup>20</sup> Hebert, SWLR, v. 16, p. 266; v. 17, p. 279, v. 19, p. 180; v. 21, p. 192.

to the Prairie Greig home of Aymar (Emar) Hebert for a *bal de noce* (wedding ball) held in honor of Alfred Moss, a neighbor, who had married again that day, his first wife having died four months previously. It was quite a joyful occasion, "the juice of the grape and corn" flowing freely. Also present at the gathering was Numa Guidry, a young man of about twenty years of age who "came of a fierce fighting stock" and who, in spite of an infraction of the law, had been befriended by Joseph and made foreman of his farm and treated like a son with thoughts of rehabilitating him. In the course of the evening, Numa made an unseemly remark to a lady present to which Joseph objected. This led to a wordy confrontation which culminated in Numa inviting Joseph outside to settle the argument. Mr. Hebert ordered that it not be in his yard. Joseph incensed at his erstwhile protégé's affrontery, took off his coat and vest. The spirits he had imbibed clouding his reason, he cast all caution to the wind and followed Numa, albeit seemingly reluctantly, probably sensing a premonition of what was to follow. And well he might, for only a short space of time later, he lay on the ground in the clear moonlight which revealed his life's blood staining his freshly starched and ironed white shirt. He had been stabbed to the heart. Meanwhile, Lézima, unaware of the untoward circumstances just described, was seated indoors chatting with the guests, when someone rushed in to apprise her of the terrible *dénouement*. The shock was so great that she involuntarily loosened her hold on the three-month old Juana in her lap, who slowly slid to the floor, being immediately scooped up by solicitous hands, while others tended to the distraught widow.<sup>21</sup>

On the next day, August 5, 1890, an inquest was held by the coroner, W. D. White, in the home of the 47 year old Joseph whose body lay exposed on his bed, as was the custom at the time, all mirrors in the house having been covered to avoid reflexions. Giving conflicting testimony were the witnesses Vallarien Landry, Balthazar Doré, Victor Luquet and Emar Hebert. The jurors of the inquest were S. P. Watts, Eraste Mouton, Ludovic Lequeux, Dupré Meyers and Felicien Domingue.<sup>22</sup>

A priest from St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Abbeville then performed the funeral service at the house before giving the last blessing at Grosse Isle southwest of Erath in Primeaux Cemetery far from Joseph's native Spanish soil. His succession was opened on November 24, 1890. Cesaire Meyers, Lézima's brother-in-law, was declared under tutor to Joseph M., Carlos, Maximilien and Orther (Ortaire). Their mother, Lézima Trahan, was declared natural tutrix of Celestine, Adolphe, Donatien, Fernand and Jéna (Juana).<sup>23</sup>

Left at the age of 34 with nine minors ranging in age from three months to sixteen, Lézima set about with determination to maintain a living for them. By dint of hard work and good management, she accomplished that purpose. As she did for the rest of her life, she now wore *demi-deuil* (half mourning: black and white) for everyday ware and *deuil* (deep mourning: solid black) for good wear.

21 "A Fatal Affray," *Abbeville Meridional*, Saturday, August 9, 1890, p. 3, col. 2, 3-4; Aug. 16, 1890, p. 3, col. 2, 4; Sept. 6, 1890, p. 3, col. 3; Sept. 20, 1890, p. 3, col. 2; Interview in 1965 with Elisma Domingue, the widow of Adolphe Gutierrez, Joseph's son, who was six years old at the time of his father's death, an event which was told and retold countless times in the years which followed at countless *sainies* and *veillées* (evening visits).

22 Inquest on the body of Joseph Goutierrez Vermilion Parish, August 5, 1890, Book 1-A, p. 21, no. 18.

23 Succession of Joseph Goutierrez, Deceased Husband of Lezima Trahan, No. 151, 25th Judicial District Court of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, November 24, 1890; Interview with Elizabeth Viator, widow of Orther (Ortaire) Goutierrez, son of Joseph, Oza Goutierrez (Mrs. Simonet LeBlanc) and Walter Goutierrez, grandchildren of Joseph Gutierrez, January 8, 1966.

Five years later, on February 20, 1895, the year of the big snow, she married Jean Henri Fauvel, "a small, even-tempered man who never raised his voice" and who was born July 17, 1858, in New Iberia, son of Pierre Fauvel and Perrine Priour, both natives of Rennes, France, who had early settled in New Iberia. Witnesses to the marriage were Joseph Goutierez [Jr.], Thomas Collins and Francois Bourque. Considered well-to-do but in frail health, Henri doted on Lézima's children to such an extent that, although he already enjoyed their affection, he lavished on them monetary gifts that left his supply depleted leaving only their home in Erath (to which they had moved after the marriage), upon his death December 28, 1900, at the age of 42 years. He was buried in the Fauvel family tomb in St. Peter's Cemetery in New Iberia. He was remembered for his kindness and for the fact that in speaking French he never forgot the double negative, always saying, for instance, "*Je ne sais pas*" instead of the familiar Acadian "*Je sais pas*."<sup>24</sup>

Left a widow for a second time, Lézima continued living at her home in Erath, situated on the southwest corner of the present-day West Bourque and South Kibbe streets. On December 29, 1903, she was granted a special mortgage on "certain property situated in Vermilion Parish, La., and containing Sixty-five arpents, to secure the rights and claims of [the] minors": Celestine, Adolphe, Donatien, Fernand and Jéna Goutierez.<sup>25</sup>

Later Lézima sold her farm to help her eldest son, Joseph M., finance his interest in the Erath Mercantile Store. His partners were Séville Landry and Telesphore Nuñez, father of Rosie Nunez and son of Despané Nuñez. Because of inexperience, the venture proved unsuccessful. Joseph became a "real estate man and one of the efficient deputy sheriffs of the parish."<sup>26</sup>

On April 20, 1904, Lézima's elder daughter Celestine Goutierrez, married Joseph Sidney ('tit Man) Segura, who had been living with his grandfather Adrian Nuñez of Live Oak Plantation ever since the death of his mother, Elisa Nuñez on June 12, 1899. Witnesses were her two brothers, Joseph M. and Donatien. Performing the ceremony was Rev. Norbert, O. L. B. Missionary. They set up residence in Erath. After the birth of their second child, March 1, 1907, 'tit man was transferred from the Southern Pacific Abbeville to New Iberia Branch to the Alexandria Branch and maintained his residence in Lafayette. Since he was one night in Alexandria and the next in Lafayette, Celestine was very lonely and kept agitating to go back to Erath. The problem was solved to everyone's satisfaction by Lézima coming with Fernand and Jéna to live with them.<sup>27</sup>

She soon became acclimated to her new surroundings. In the first quarter of the 20th century, many residents of Lafayette were still maintaining a *basse-cour* (back yard) filled with chickens. In this particular abode there were, in addition to the chicken-coop, a large barn, a lean-to for the buggy, two cows, two horses, one of which was a filly who took part in horse races, and pigs who were the subject of much excitement at *boucherie* time.

<sup>24</sup> Vermilion Parish Marriage No. 1225, Book 2, p. 231 (Marriage record of Henry Fauvel and Lezima Trahan, February 20, 1895 performed by Joseph Trahan, 2nd Ward Justice of the Peace; Hobert, *SWLA* v. 6, p. 228; *ibid.*, v. 31, p. 177; Interview with Eliana Domingue (Mrs. Adolphe Goutierez) in 1965; Glenn R. Conrad and Carl A. Brasseaux, "Gone, But Not Forgotten", *Records from South Louisiana Cemeteries, volume 1, St. Peter's Cemetery, New Iberia, Louisiana* (Lafayette, 1983), p. 39.

<sup>25</sup> Vermilion Parish Succession No. 151.

<sup>26</sup> Interview with Mrs. Elisa Nuñez Guldry, January 2, 1964; Abbeville *Méridional*, Sat. April 15, 1905, p. 4, col. 2.

<sup>27</sup> State of Louisiana, Parish of Vermilion, Seventeenth Judicial Court, Clerk's Office Marriage license April 12, 1904, solemnized April 20, 1904.



So Lézima felt at home and soon took almost complete charge of the kitchen. It was Mémère's domain, Mémère being the name by which she was known to all of her grandchildren in Southwest Louisiana and East Texas. In the mid-afternoons, after the dinner table had been cleared, she would invariably have a treat for the grandchildren: *croquesignoles* (doughnuts), *boules de tac-tac* (popcorn balls), *crème à la glace* (ice cream), *limonade* in the summer, *chocolat* in the winter.

Her ample apron once served as a place of refuge for a little granddaughter frightened by the sight on Mardi Gras day of a masker coming through the gate and into the house only to discover that it was Noncle Fernand when his merry laugh emanated from behind his mesh mask. Noncle Fernand was everyone's favorite uncle. He went on frequent travels about the country, always returning loaded down with gifts, nuts and exotic fruits. Once he brought back samples of gold and silver ore which fascinated his nieces and nephews.

Lézima's admonition "éffronté!" (sassy!) brought immediate mending of the ways, thus aiding and abetting the parents in their insistence on respect for elders.

Never one to be idle for long, she one day called in her fun-loving younger granddaughter from play outdoors to thread a number of needles, a task her failing eyesight could no longer allow. With thoughts of soon resuming her playful pursuits, the child began threading with long strands to cut short the task until Lézima exclaimed "*Aiguilleuse de paresseuse!*" (Lazy needle-threader!)

She had one favorite, second-to-last grandson, a fact the other grandchildren accepted without the slightest tinge of envy or jealousy, knowing full well her love encompassed them all.

With only an occasional visit to Ortairie's farm in Vermilion Parish on Bayou Tigre, she spent her declining years in Lafayette, her pleasant countenance greeting everyone and her cerulean blue eyes noting the needs of others. Never once did her grandchildren hear her mention the great tragedy of her life. Had they inquired, she most probably would have said "*va jouer*" (go play) as she did when a granddaughter inquired of her one day: "Mémère, why do some people call you 'Madame Joe' and others 'Madame Henri'?" Only in later years was she to learn the reason from others.

Lézima is remembered as a typical loving, likable, lovable Acadian grandmother who taught by her example love and consideration of others. That was her legacy.

After a short three-day illness, she passed away in her sleep on August 6, 1935, at the age of 79, 45 years after Joseph's death, almost on the exact anniversary. The services were held at St. Genevieve's Church and in the interment in St. John's Cemetery in Lafayette.<sup>28</sup>

## GENEALOGY OF JOSEPH GUTIERREZ, SR.<sup>29</sup>

I. Carlos Gutierrez, b. in Spain; m. Maria Loporte, b. in Spain.

A. Children: 9 boys, including Joseph Gutierrez

II. Joseph Gutierrez, Sr., b. 1843 in Spain; d. Aug. 4, 1890, in Vermilion Parish, La. (Succ. No. 20, 1890, Abbeville Ct. Hse.: Succ. #151), buried in the Trahan Cemetery now known as the Primeaux Cemetery in the Grosse Isle woods southwest of Erath, La. m. (1) about 1868 Elizabeth Temperance Ellis, b. Dec. 20, 1852, (Abbeville Ch.: v. 1, p. 152) d/o John Ellis and Victorine

<sup>28</sup> St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Lafayette, La., Death Register.

<sup>29</sup> Many of Joseph Gutierrez, Sr.'s descendants spelled their surname Goutierez, Goutierez, etc., but, for the sake of uniformity, the original spelling is used throughout this genealogy.

Dupuy; m. (2) February 2, 1874 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 3) Lezima Trahan, b. April 20, 1856, bt. June 9, 1856 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 1, p. 100), d/o Maximilien Trahan and Marie Olive Landry; d. Aug. 6, 1935, buried August 7, 1935, in St. John's Cemetery, Lafayette, Louisiana (Record at St. Genevieve's).

Children of Joseph Gutierrez and Elizabeth Temperance Ellis

- A. Avenaire Joseph Gutierrez, b. Jan. 7, 1869 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 6); d. Dec. 3, 1869 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 1, p. 6).

Children of Joseph Gutierrez, Sr., and Lezima Trahan

- A. Joseph M. Gutierrez, Jr., b. Nov. 11, 1874 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 3, p. 272); m. June 15, 1901 (Abbeville Ct. Hse. Mar. #2341) Idolia Menard, b. Mar. 18, 1886 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 5, p. 134), d/o Oserne Menard and Adelaide Abshire.
1. Josephine Gutierrez, b. September 24, 1902 (Delcambier Ch.: v. 1, p. 185)
  2. Marie Idolienne Gutierrez, bt. June 23, 1904 (Delcambier Ch.); m. Hilary N. Hanley
  3. Olga Gutierrez, m. Dewey Gianelloni
  4. Mabel Gutierrez
  5. Althea Gutierrez
- B. Jean Carlos Gutierrez, b. Nov. 7, 1876 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 4, p. 23), d. Dec. 12, 1956, m. Dec. 17, 1896 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 3, p. 318), Marie Altée Domingue, b. July 9, 1877 (N. I. Ch.: v. 3, p. 86), d/o Felicien Domingue and Elisabeth Dugas; d. Mar. 17, 1956
1. Gordy Gutierrez, b. 1897, d. age 9 suddenly, buried Nov. 15, 1906 (Delcambre Ch.)
  2. Rena Marie Gutierrez, b. June 12, 1901; d. Dec. 22, 1981; m. July 25, 1920, Fernand Honoré Doucet, Sr., b. July 20, 1902; d. May 5, 1953
    - a. Fernand Honoré Doucet, Jr., b. Oct. 9, 1924; m. Aug. 18, 1946, Joyce Angelle, b. Nov. 17, 1925
      - (1) Gayle Madge Marie Doucet, b. July 11, 1950; m. Feb. 8, 1974, Steven Lacy, b. June 26, 1951
        - (a). Kevin Barnes Lacy, b. Aug. 18, 1981
        - (b). Kerry Angelle Lacy, b. Dec. 1, 1983
      - (2) Kerry Joyce Doucet, b. Feb. 25, 1953; m. Jan. 11, 1975, Eno Christopher Dupuis, Sr., b. July 27, 1953
        - (a) Eno Christopher Dupuis, Jr., b. June 4, 1977
        - (b) Pierre Fernand Dupuis, b. Oct. 24, 1980
      - (3) Denice Mary Doucet, b. Sept. 8, 1954; m. Feb. 6, 1976, Charles James Thibodeaux, b. Sept. 4, 1953
        - (a) Marsha Catherine Thibodeaux, b. Feb. 20, 1980
        - (b) Meagan Claudia Thibodeaux, b. Aug. 6, 1985
      - (4) Deirdre Mary Doucet, b. Sept. 8 1954; m. (1) June 2, 1975, David Thomassee
        - (a) Danielle Marie Thomassee, b. Nov. 18, 1975
        - m. (2) Nov. 21, 1981 Neil Paul Robetson, b. Jan. 4, 1953
    - b. Jack Charles Doucet, Sr., b. Aug. 8, 1928; m. (1) Becky Dubois
      - (1) Becky Ann Doucet
      - (2) Peggy Doucet
      - (3) Paulette Doucet
      - (4) Charles Doucet
      - (5) Paul Doucet

m. (2) Sept. 10, 1965 Beulah Dupuis, b. Nov. 26, 1930; d/o Herman Dupuis and Adelaide Burch

(1) Michael Todd Doucet, b. Sept. 20, 1966; m. Aug. 12, 1988, Christine Broussard, d/o Garry Broussard and Helen Lormand

(2) Maxime Daniel Doucet, b. Nov. 11, 1973

3. Edna Gutierrez, b. Nov. 18, 1903; d. Aug. 23, 1983; m. 1921? Weber Boudreaux, b. Mar. 14, \_\_\_\_\_, d. May 17, 1983

a. Fay Elaine Boudreaux, b. Sept. 27, 1922; m. Jan. 5, 1940, James Charles Monteleon, Sr., b. July 27, 1918.

(1) James Charles Monteleon, Jr., b. Nov. 10, 1946, m. (1) Sharon Clark; m. (2) Sept. 18, 1976, Debbie Grossie, b. Feb. 2, 1953, d/o Walter Grossie and Joanne Simon

(a) Shawn Elizabeth Monteleon, b. Oct. 13, 1970, of previous marriage

(b) Kali Marie Monteleon, b. April 29, 1982

(c) Samantha Lynne Monteleon, b. April 18, 1984

(2) Richard Paul Monteleon, b. Feb. 24, 1948, m. July 22, 1966, Barbara Campeaux, b. Sept. 26, 1949, d/o Lester Campeaux and Alfreda \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Ricky Paul? Monteleon, b. Dec. 2, 1966; m. Dec. 19, 1987 Mona Sue Taylor, d/o George Jaylor and Joyce \_\_\_\_\_ of Cecilia, La.

(b) Brent Monteleon, b. Aug. 18, 1971.

b. Lionel Joseph Boudreaux, b. Sept. 25, 1927; d. Feb. 18, 1986; m. Feb. 4, 1951, Mary Ann Mouton, b. Dec. 6, 1931, d/o Ursin Mouton and Louise Bouton. There were no children of this marriage

4. Irma Gutierrez, b. Dec. 18, 1905; d. Apr. 16, 1959, buried in Carencro, La., m. (1) Clyde Mallory; m. (2) Ed Avant; m. (3) Aristide Joseph Martin, Sr., b. Feb. 9, 1907; d. Mar. 22, 1966, age 59, buried in Carencro, La.

a. Aristide Joseph Martin, Jr., b. Nov. 5, 1939

5. Golden Gutierrez, Sr., b. May 9, 1908; d. July 19, 1960, m. Nellie Benoit, b. June 22, 1910; d. Nov. 10, 1966, d/o Elix Benoit and Anna Broussard

a. Laura Gutierrez, b. Mar. 6, 1927, m. Roy K. Rhodes, Jr. b. Feb. 9, 1924

(1) William Matthew Rhodes, Sr., b. June 2, 1947, m. Carolyn Marie \_\_\_\_\_, b. Dec. 9, 1950

(a) William Matthew Rhodes, Jr., b. Oct. 23, 1978; d. 1986

(b) Allison Marie Rhodes

(c) Monica Ann Rhodes

(2) Roy K. Rhodes, III, b. Jan. 30, 1950, m. Cynthia Louise \_\_\_\_\_, b. July 1, 1952

(a) Jennifer Lea Rhodes, b. Aug. 11, 1974

(b) Kelly Aline Rhodes, b. Nov. 29, 1976

(c) Emily Elizabeth Rhodes, b. Dec. 9, 1980

(3) Katherine Ann Rhodes, b. Nov. 2, 1951; m. David Allen Alverson, b. Aug. 31, 1945

(a) Shana Elizabeth Alverson, b. May 21, 1976

(b) Melissa Kay Alverson, b. Oct. 19, 1977

b. Golden Gutierrez, Jr., b. June 9, 1929; m. Elaine Broussard, b. May 29, 1927

(1) Kandy Gutierrez, b. Jan. 21, 1949; m. (1) Art Ramsey

- (a) Todd Ramsey, b. Dec. 22, 1970
  - m. (2) Dale Boss
    - (a) Jeremy Boss, b. Apr. 18, 1979
    - (b) Dusty Boss, b. Feb. 8, 1982
  - (2) Brenda Gutierrez, b. July 21, 1950; m. Donald Hollier
    - (a) Buddy Hollier, b. Nov. 8, 1969
    - (b) Tiffany Hollier, b. Feb. 24, 1975
  - (3) Jay Gutierrez, b. Sept. 26, 1954
  - (4) Wellen Gutierrez, b. Jan. 7, 1958; m. Mark Billeaud; d.
  - (5) Tina Gutierrez, b. Dec. 6, 1961; m. July 31, 1982 Van Teryl McNeil, Jr.
- c. Paul Richard Kenneth Gutierrez, b. Nov. 30, 1936; m. (1) Sonja Ann \_\_\_\_\_, b. Sept. 26, 1939
  - (1) John Carlos Gutierrez, Sr., b. Aug. 27, 1959; m. Charlene Sue Hebert, b. Aug. 9, 1960
    - (a) John Carlos Gutierrez, Jr., b. Apr. 23, 1981
  - (2) Michael Anthony Gutierrez, b. Aug. 28, 1961; m. Nancy \_\_\_\_\_
    - (a) Michael Travis Gutierrez
  - (3) Laurie Ann Gutierrez, b. Sept. 10, 1962; m. Douglas Anthony Domingue, b. July 14, 1961
  - (4) Mark Brady Gutierrez, b. June 28, 1968; m. (2) Martha Harrell; m. (3) Barbara Lynd Dever, b. Mar. 28, 1939
- C. Maximilien (Milien, Melvin) Gutierrez, b. Feb. 27, 1878; d. Oct. 23, 1936 (St. Genevieve's Ch.: Lafayette, La., Death Register, #1); m. Dec. 26, 1899 (Delcambre Ch.: v. 1, p. 36), (Abbeville Ct. Hse.: Mar. #2003), Marie Armelize Brasseux, b. Feb. 12, 1884 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 5, p. 36); d/o Gaulbert (Albert) Brasseux and Euchariste (Carise) Comeaux; d. Feb. 2, 1957, in Port Arthur, Texas
  - 1. Edith Mary Gutierrez, b. May 28, 1901, in Erath, La.; d. Feb. 27, 1979, in Port Arthur, Texas; m. April 6, 1918, in Port Arthur. Hobson (Hobby) Joseph DeJean, b. Jan. 27, 1899 (Cecilia Ch.: v. 1, p. 89)? s/o Homer DeJean and Leontine Dumaltrout?; d. Feb. 28, 1966, in Port Arthur
    - a. Mary Myrtle DeJean, b. 1919, d. 1921, in Port Arthur
    - b. Margie Ann DeJean, b. Aug. 25, 1921; m. Aug. 12, 1939 (Civil Marriage in Woodville, Texas), 1942 (Religious marriage in Port Arthur) Clarence Owen Beal, b. Feb. 16, 1920 in Shoshoni, Wyoming.
      - (1) Charles Clarence Beal, II, b. June 1, 1942, in Port Arthur; m. Dec. 16, 1967, in Houston, Tex. Billie Claire Rodeck, b. June 18, 1942, in New York
        - (a) Brandt Alan Beal, b. Sept. 20, 1976, in Houston
      - (2) Mary Edith Beal, b. Feb. 18, 1949, in Port Arthur; m. Aug. 12, 1977, in Houston Carlton Dale Story, b. Jan. 15, 1938, in Electra, Texas
      - (3) Cathy Ann Beal, b. Jan. 21, 1956, in Port Arthur; m. May 14, 1977, in Port Arthur, James Rudy Patterson, b. Sept. 8, 1952, in Port Arthur
        - (a) Carrie Ann Patterson, b. Dec. 28, 1984
    - c. Audrey Mae DeJean, b. 1926; d. 1928
  - 2. Hilda Marie Gutierrez, b. Aug. 26, 1905, in Erath, La.; d. July 28, 1976, in Port Arthur, m. (1) "Ti-Coon" Guildroz, (date?), divorced (date?); d. (date?), m. (2) Clyde Kamman in Waco, Texas (date?); d. 1956.

- D. Jean Ortaire (Orther) Gutierrez, b. May 28, 1880 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 4, p. 105); d. 1949; m. Elizabeth Viator, b. Jan. 8, 1888 (NI Ch.: v. 5, p. 5), d. June 7?, 1921, d/o Severin Viator and Marie Nougues
1. Walter Gutierrez, Sr., b. 1906; d. April 10, 1962, m. Philomene Deo Gracias
    - a. Walter Gutierrez, Jr., m. \_\_\_\_\_
      - (1) Eddie Gutierrez
      - (2) Tony Gutierrez
  2. Octa Gutierrez, Sr., b. April 6, 1908; d. Mar. 18, 1980; m. July 20, 1935, Ada Michel, b. Jan. 7, 1911; d. Aug. 12, 1979; d/o Paul Michel and Marie Bourque
    - a. Fernand Joseph Gutierrez, b. Sept. 24, 1938; m. (1) 1965, Korline Morrow
      - (1) Gigi Ann Gutierrez, b. Feb. 9, 1967
      - (2) Eathen Paul Gutierrez, b. Sept. 23, 1968
    - m. (2) July 2, 1972 Susan Champagne, b. Aug. 5, 1950, d/o Eli Champagne and Audrey \_\_\_\_\_
      - (1) Tara Gutierrez (adopted), b. Mar. 24, 1976
      - m. (3) June 1980, Diane Gisclair, d/o Charles Gisclair and Vema \_\_\_\_\_; no children
    - b. Larry Gutierrez, b. Dec. 28, 1943; m. July 16, 1970 Linda Luquette, d/o Floyd Luquette and Rene Champagne
      - (1) Shannon LeBlanc Gutierrez (adopted wife's child), b. Mar. 26, 1967
      - (2) Rhonda LeBlanc Gutierrez (adopted wife's child), b. Feb. 25, 1968
      - (3) Larry John Gutierrez, Jr., b. April 7, 1972
      - (4) Hagden Paul Gutierrez, b. July 21, 1975
    - c. Kenneth Paul Gutierrez, b. May 26, 1948, m. May 25, 1967 or 1968, Ruby Thibeaux, d/o John Thibeaux and Bernice Hebert
      - (1) Chad Paul Gutierrez
      - (2) Erica Lynn Gutierrez, b. Jan. 7, 1971
      - (3) Sabrina Elizabeth Gutierrez, b. Oct. 8, 1967
    - d. Lana Gutierrez, b. Aug. 15, 1949 (Never married)
    - e. Octa Gutierrez, Jr., b. Aug. 18, 1952; m. May 7, 1977, Rita Joan Landry, b. Nov. 26, 1952, d/o Paul Ray Landry and Rita Olga Duhon
      - (1) Kristi Lynn Gutierrez, b. Jan. 10, 1979
      - (2) Nicole Marie Gutierrez, b. Jan. 25, 1981
      - (3) Josh Paul Gutierrez, b. Aug. 15, 1985
  3. Oza Gutierrez, b. May 18, 1911; d. Sept. 12, 1977; m. Simonette P. LeBlanc, b. Mar. 14, 1907, d. Feb. 17, 1979; m. Feb. 20, 1929
    - a. Javis J. LeBlanc, b. June 8, 1929; m. July 20, 1953, Mabel Viator, b. Dec. 30, 1928
      - (1) Myra LeBlanc, b. Nov. 26, 1957; m. Feb. 24, 1979, Earl T. LeBlanc
        - (a) Megan LeBlanc, b. July 16, 1983
        - (b) Thomas LeBlanc, b. April 26, 1989
    - b. Glory A. LeBlanc, b. May 11, 1934; m. Jan. 31, 1953, Carol J. Landry, b. Aug. 1, 1931
      - (1) Audrey Faye Landry, b. Dec. 2, 1953; m. (1) Oct. 18, 1972, Roy L. Conner, d. Jan. 19, 1973; m. (2) Leewood J. Dronet, d. Oct. 9, 1988
        - (a) Sean C. Dronet, b. Dec. 5, 1979
        - (b) Simone C. Dronet, b. July 7, 1981

- (2) Gary P. Landry, Sr., (twin) b. June 7, 1955; m. June 22, 1974, Peggy A. Porrier
  - (a) Gary P. Landry, Jr., b. Aug. 16, 1975
  - (b) Tanya M. Landry, b. April 8, 1981
  - (c) Cody J. Landry, b. Jan. 30, 1984
- (3) Guy J. Landry (twin), b. June 7, 1955; m. Dec. 18, 1976, Nancy A. Phillips
  - (a) Ashley E. Landry, b. July 29, 1978
  - (b) Bridget A. Landry, b. Sept. 29, 1980
  - (c) Caleb J. Landry, b. Oct. 23, 1986
- (4) Troy L. Landry, b. Sept. 25, 1960; m. May 28, 1982, Laura A. Shannon
  - (a) Ryan L. Landry, b. Oct. 25, 1986
  - (b) Britany N. Landry, b. Sept. 29, 1988
- (5) Pattie M. Landry, b. May 30, 1964; m. Nov. 9, 1985, Everett C. Sikes
  - (a) Wesley M. Sikes, b. Nov. 14, 1987
- c. Margaret P. LeBlanc, b. June 20, 1936; m. June 4, 1952, Henry P. Libersat, b. July 4, 1934
  - (1) David J. Libersat, b. Sept. 25, 1954; m. Feb. 8, 1974, Susie Crumbliss, b. Feb. 26, 1955
    - (a) Kenneth D. Libersat, b. Nov. 27, 1975
    - (b) Tabitha A. Libersat, b. Nov. 28, 1978
  - (2) Ray Anthony (Tony) Libersat, b. Sept. 8, 1955; m. Oct. 16, 1982, Mary M. Ferguson, b. Oct. 12, 1960
    - (a) Andrea M. Libersat, b. Mar. 22, 1981
    - (b) Tony B. Libersat, b. July 14, 1983
    - (c) Sara B. Libersat, b. Mar. 27, 1985
  - (3) Karen A. Libersat, b. Dec. 1, 1956; m. April 5, 1975, Gary A. Postle, b. April 13, 1955
    - (a) Christopher M. Postle, b. Jan. 24, 1978
    - (b) Philip J. Postle, b. Sept. 21, 1980
    - (c) Jamie L. Postle, b. July 10, 1982
  - (4) Mary M. Libersat, b. Mar. 18, 1958; m. Nov. 30, 1987, Randy Willong, b. Mar. 7, 1952
    - (a) Stacey R. Simmons, b. June 10, 1982
    - (b) Ryan Anthony Willong, b. April 18, 1988
  - (5) Suzanne M. Libersat, b. May 7, 1959; m. June 17, 1978, Timothy L. Pelland, b. Sept. 6, 1956
    - (a) Tracy A. Pelland, b. June 21, 1979
    - (b) Amy E. Pelland, b. Dec. 28, 1980
    - (c) Matthew S. Pelland, b. Sept. 3, 1983
    - (d) Anna M. Pelland, b. Oct. 2, 1985
  - (6) Angela M. Libersat, b. May 12, 1960; m. Mar. 15, 1984, Edgar (Butch) Bryant, b. Feb. 16, 1959
    - (a) John P. L. Bryant, b. July 28, 1981
    - (b) Cyndell R. Bryant, b. May 28, 1985
    - (c) Zachary R. Bryant, b. Aug. 31, 1986
    - (d) Brittney D. Bryant, b. Oct. 20, 1987

(7) Henry P. M. Libersat, b. May 14, 1963; m. April 25, 1986, Trudie Wilt, b. May 30, 1964

(a) Crystal M. Libersat, b. Oct. 17, 1986

d. Gerald P. LeBlanc, b. Feb. 25, 1939; m. Nov. 22, 1959, Peggy Landry, b. Aug. 9, 1940

(1) Craig J. LeBlanc, b. Sept. 30, 1960; m. Aug. 10, 1980, Christine Landry

(a) Coby J. LeBlanc, b. Aug. 19, 1981; d. May 1, 1982

(b) Courtne L. LeBlanc, b. Mar. 5, 1984

(2) Roxane LeBlanc, b. Oct. 3, 1961; m. Dec. 14, 1980, Brian Suire

(a) Brant C. Suire, b. May 27, 1980

(b) Phillip C. Suire, b. July 13, 1985

(3) Brennon E. LeBlanc, b. Apr. 4, 1972

e. James T. LeBlanc, Sr., b. July 30, 1943; m. June 30, 1961, Judy L. Duhon

(1) James T. LeBlanc, Jr., b. Dec. 6, 1962; m. Jan. 7, 1989, Wendyolyn Woodward

(2) Steven C. LeBlanc, b. Sept. 27, 1967

4. Wiltz Joseph Gutierrez, Sr., b. Oct. 18, 1912; d. Sept. 29, 1971; m. Earline Savoy, b. Mar. 17, 1916

a. Elizabeth Sylvia Gutierrez, b. April 3, 1936; m. (1) about 1954, Louis Caruso; Divorced 1961

(1) Donna Lee Ann Caruso, b. Aug. 8, 1955

(2) Meianie Ann Caruso, b. April 22, 1957

m. (2) March 15, 1962 George Cliff Lemaire, b. Dec. 4, 1929

(1) Elizabeth Sylvia Lemaire, b. Feb. 17, 1964

b. "Dean" Gutierrez, m. Eddie Graff

(1) Rhonda Graff

(2) Eddie Graff, Jr.

(3) Danny Graff

c. Wiltz Joseph Gutierrez, Jr., m. Crystal \_\_\_\_\_ (from Switzerland)

(1) Nicole Marie Gutierrez

E. Celestine Gutierrez, b. Mar. 1, 1883, bt. May 3, 1883, (Abbeville Ch.: v. 4, p. 341), d. Mar. 24, 1959, buried Mar. 25, 1959, St. John Cemetery, record at St. Genevieve Ch.: Lafayette, La., m. April 7, 1904, Joseph Sidney Segura, Sr., s/o Joseph Rene Segura and Marie Elisa Nunez, b. Nov. 1, 1883 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 5, p. 33); d. Jan. 27, 1948, buried in St. John Cemetery, Lafayette, La, record at St. Genevieve Ch.

1. Marie Olga Segura, b. April 3, 1905 (Delcambre Ch.); d. April 28, 1905, age 1 month (Delcambre ch.)

2. William Aubion (St. Aubin) Segura, b. Mar. 1, 1907, Erath, La.; d. Mar. 1, 1971, Lafayette, La., buried St. John Cemetery; m. April 7, 1929, Doris Ada Gooch, b. Aug. 17, 1909, d/o Claude Gooch and Victoria (Zettie) Stansbury

a. William Gooch Segura, I, b. Nov. 22, 1930, Abbeville, La., m. July 12, 1952, Gloria Leblanc, b. June 22, 1933

(1) Michele Segura, b. Dec. 2, 1954, m. Dennis Sheehan

(a) Laura Michele Sheehan

(b) Sarah Ashley Sheehan

(c) Matthew Scott Sheehan

- (2) Valencia Segura, b. Jan. 1956; d. Jan. 1956
- (3) Felecia Segura, b. Sept. 16, 1958
- (4) Nicole Segura, b. June 26, 1960
- (5) William Gooch Segura, II, b. Sept. 22, 1964
- (6) Ariann Segura, b. Sept. 28, 1966; m. Matthew Karl Douglas, June 25, 1988, Missouri City, Texas, Holy Family Catholic Church
- b. Patricia Doris Segura, b. June 3, 1932
- c. Michael Gerard Segura, b. Mar. 30, 1936; m. (1) Nov. 28, 1958?, Loretta Magdeleine Guidroz, b. May 24, 1936; m. (2) Joycelyn DeFelice, Sept. 12, 1987. Children of Michael Gerard Segura and Loretta Guidroz
  - (1) Clement Michael Segura, b. April 28, 1960
  - (2) Mark Andrew Segura, b. Nov. 4, 1961; m. (1) Jackie Terrebonne (No children of this marriage); m. (2) April 9, 1988, Mary Beth Kimbrell, b. May 2, 1965, d/o Joe Kimbrell and Mary Gentile
  - (3) John William Segura, b. Dec. 12, 1962; m. Feb. 16, 1982 Brenda Sue Johnston, b. Oct. 14, 1962
    - (a) Amye Elizabeth Segura, b. Nov. 24, 1970
    - (b) Craig Allen Segura, b. Sept. 21, 1985
  - (4) Anne Cecilia Segura, b. Nov. 24, 1970
- d. Christopher Richard Segura, b. Dec. 6, 1942; m. (1) Patricia Joyce Allison; m. (2) Sue Gallagher; m. (3) Vicki Van Hook
  - Child of first marriage
  - (1) Elizabeth Segura, b. June 12, 1968
    - Child of 3rd marriage
    - (1) Aurora Victoria Rafaëla Segura, b. July 15, 1986, in New Orleans, La.
- 3. Pearl Mary Segura, b. June 12, 1909
- 4. Libby Marie Segura, b. July 25, 1911
- 5. Joseph Sidney Segura, Jr., b. Nov. 25, 1917; d. Oct. 29, 1984; m. Mae Ellen Hilliard
  - a. Joseph Sidney Segura, III, b. May 11, 1957
  - b. John Clint Segura, b. July 3, 1958, m. Tamara Hudson
    - (1) Brandi Nichole Segura
  - c. Timothy Patrick Segura, b. May 27, 1959, m. Tina Patin
    - (1) Natasha Segura
    - (2) Zackory Segura
  - d. Suzanne Celestine Segura, b. July 9, 1960; m. Douglas Edwin Chester
    - (1) Alicia June Chester
    - (2) Tonya Renée Chester
    - (3) Janet Rachele Chester
  - e. Mary Elizabeth Segura, b. Jan. 19, 1962; m. Richard Allen Chaka
    - (1) Christi Chaka
- 6. Joseph James Segura, Sr., b. Nov. 26, 1923, m. Aug. 7, 1948, Norma Lee Broussard, b. Dec. 21, 1927, d/o Willie Broussard and Anaïse Comeaux
  - a. Gerald James Segura, b. June 6, 1949
  - b. Joseph James Segura, Jr., b. Oct. 23, 1950; m. Aug. 30, 1980, Lula Alegonda Gardiner, b. Feb. 12, 1954
    - (1) Christopher James Segura (adopted), b. Dec. 21, 1987



c. Stephanie Lee Segura, b. June 27, 1970

- F. Adolphe Gutierrez, b. July 26, 1884 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 5, p. 67); m. Marie Elisma Domingue, b. Feb. 23, 1884 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 5, p. 36), d/o Felicien Domingue and Elisabeth Dugas
1. Loula Gutierrez, b. June 17, 1906; d. Nov. 27, 1979; m. (1) Sidney Boulanger; m. (2) Harold Olivier
    - a. Tommie Lou Boulanger, b. Mar. 2, 1929; d. Oct. 15, 1980; m. Nov. 8, 1947, James Anthony Gauthier, I, b. Apr. 5, 1927; d. June 18, 1988, s/o Sidney Gauthier and Louise Bienvenu
      - (1) Cynthia Louise Gauthier, b. Feb. 15, 1949; m. Aug. 24, 1968, Firmin John Navarre, b. Mar. 28, 1948
        - (a) Jessica Aline Navarre, b. Jan. 16, 1971
        - (b) Amy Denise Navarre, b. Apr. 26, 1977
      - (2) James Anthony Gauthier, III, b. Jan. 21, 1954; m. July 24, 1974, Hazel Ann Hebert, b. Dec. 12, 1953, d/o Sterling Hebert and Rose Landry
        - (a) Kristina Lynn Gauthier, b. July 16, 1978
        - (b) James Anthony Gauthier, III, b. Oct. 9, 1982; d. Mar. 14, 1984
      - (3) Lynette Ann Gauthier, b. Mar. 8, 1956; m. June 21, 1974, Easton Joseph Trahan, b. July 26, 1952, s/o Gabriel Trahan and Laura Mae LaPorte
        - (a) Chad Joseph Trahan, b. July 14, 1975
        - (b) Stacie Lynn Trahan, b. Mar. 14, 1978
      - (4) Lisa Marie Gauthier, b. Oct. 12, 1961
    2. Willis P. Gutierrez, b. May 31, 1908; d. May 28, 1969; m. Mazel Girouard, b. Nov. 10, 1908, d. Feb. 1975

G. Donatien (Meon) Gutierrez, b. Sept. 21, 1886, in Erath, La. (Abbeville Ch.: v. 5, p. 162); d. June 13, 1953 in Port Arthur, Texas; m. (1) Dec. 4, 1905, in Delcambre, La. Edmee Gross (Grau), b. Mar. 18, 1890, in Labadieville, La., d/o Theodule Grau and Celestine Schwab, reared from birth in Erath, La., by uncle Alex Schwab, d. Sept. 9, 1931, in Port Arthur, Texas; m. (2) 1943 Christine \_\_\_\_\_ of Seguin, Texas, d. June 13, 1953, in Port Arthur, Texas

    1. Maude Gutierrez, b. Nov. 21, 1906, in Erath, La.; m. June 28, 1922, in Port Arthur, Texas, Foster Foreich of Morgan City, La., b. May 15, 1899, in Morgan City; d. Oct. 23, 1973, in Groves, Texas
      - a. Audrey Mae Foreich, b. Jan. 31, 1928, in Port Arthur, Texas; d. Dec. 22, 1977, in Portland, Oregon; m. Feb. 21, 1952, in Reno, Nevada, Robert Maxwell Dickey, b. Nov. 19, 1924, in Portland, Oregon; no children
    2. Raymond Jean Gutierrez, b. Jan. 23, 1909, in Erath, La.; m. Mar. 22, 1933, in Port Arthur, Texas, Gertrude Woodson, b. June 29, 1912, in Washington, La.; no children; live in Nederland, Texas
    3. Nelson Peter Gutierrez, b. Mar. 1, 1911, in Erath, La.; d. Oct. 2, 1987 in Alexandria, La., buried in Port Arthur, Texas; m. Jan. 29, 1947, in Port Arthur, Texas, Margaret Wales, b. Feb. 10, 1907, in Alexandria, La.; no children of this issue; widow lives in Port Arthur, Texas
    4. Beatrice Gutierrez, b. Jan. 18, 1914, in Erath, La.; m. (1) "Weno" LeBlanc in Port Arthur, Texas; m. (2) Al Shaw; m. (3) Freddie Woods; m. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ West; m. (5) 1951, Wallace McCasland; lives in Beaumont, Texas. No children

- H. Fernand Gutierrez, b. Aug. 24, 1888 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 5, p. 258); d. May 28, 1934, buried St. John Cemetery, services at St. Genevieve Church, Lafayette, La.; never married.
- I. Marie Juana (Jéna, Janna, Jane) Gutierrez, b. April 25, 1890, bt. July 20, 1890 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 5, p. 358); d. Sunday, Dec. 4, 1983, in Lake Charles, La.; m. Oct. 30, 1909 (Laf. Ch.) Henry John Sommers, b. Oct. 5, 1888, in Germany; s/o Gerhard Herman Sommers, native of the Province of Drenthe, Holland and Maria Helena (Lena) Wilkens, native of near Meppen, Germany, possibly Hebelmermeer or Lindloh; d. Oct. 16, 1945, in Lake Charles, La.
1. George Sommers, b. April 23, 1910, bt. May 14, 1910 (Laf. Ch.: v. 11, p. 33, no. 145); d. May 4, 1942 (went down in the Gulf of Mexico during World War II on the torpedoed *Joseph M. Cudahy*)
  2. Hazel Marie Sommers, b. Dec. 19, 1911 (Laf. Ch.); d. Dec. 10, 1986, in Lake Charles, La.; m. Dec. 19, 1932 in Pineville, La., Gilbert Paul Hannen, b. Dec. 23, 1892, in Colmenel, Texas; d. Aug. 6, 1969, Lake Charles, La.
    - a. Gilbert Paul Hannen, II, b. Jan. 2, 1934, in New Iberia, La.; m. 1954, Dorothy Jane Simon, d/o Donurville Simon and Elita Plaisance of Crowley, La.
      - (1) Donald Brent Patrick Hannen, b. Jan. 15, 1955
      - (2) Paula Jane Hannen, b. May 15, 1956; m. Kenneth Abshire
        - (a) Justin Keith Abshire, b. Sept. 9, 1984
        - (3) Kellie Lynn Hannen, b. Feb. 27, 1959, m. (1) Everett Cox
          - (a) Brian Michael Cox, Dec. 20, 1978, in Lincoln, Nebraska
          - m. (2) Aug. 15, 1987, Randall Charles Onxley, in Lake Charles, La.
          - (4) Kevin Paul Hannen, b. Jan. 19, 1961

#### TRAHAN GENEALOGY OF MRS. JOSEPH GUTIERREZ, SR.

- I. Nicolas Trahan, b. France; m. Renée Deloges, b. France; both of Parish of Montreuil-Bellay, Maine et Loire in the Province of Brittany, France
- A. Buillaume Trahan, b. About 1611, probably in Montreuil-Bellay (actually in Maine et Loire), France
  - B. Renée Trahan, b. Feb. 28, 1612, in Montreuil-Bellay, France
  - C. Lucretia Trahan, b. Nov. 1614, in Montreuil-Bellay, France
  - D. François Trahan, m. 1632, Renée Pinsonneau of Bourguell
  - E. Nicolas Trahan, m. about 1632, Lorande Bellard
- II. Guillaume Trahan, Sr., b. about 1611, probably in Montreuil-Bellay (actually in Maine et Loire), Brittany, France; *maréchal de tranchant* (maker of cutting tools: a toolsmith); settled in Bourguell, France, where his marriage to Françoise Charbonneau probably took place about 1630; arrived in Acadia in 1636 with his wife, two children and a valet and settled in Port Royal; m. (2) about 1666 Madeleine Brun, b. 1645, in France, d/o Vincent Brun, native of La Chaussee in the region of Loudun, France, and Marie Renée Brot; Guillaume Trahan d. about 1682; Madeleine Brun m. Pierre Bézier dit Touin dit Larivière.
- Children of marriage to Françoise Charbonneau
- A. Jeanne Trahan, b. 1629 in France; m. about 1644, in Acadia, Jacques Bourgeois, b. 1621, in France

- B. \_\_\_\_\_ Trahan (name unknown), b. In France; d. In Acadia; believed by Archange Godbout to have married Germain Doucet dit la Verdure because he and Jacques Bourgeois were brothers-in-law

Children of marriage to Madeleine Brun

- A. Guillaume Trahan, Jr., b. 1667, Port Royal, Acadia; m. about 1690, Jacqueline (Jacquette) Benoit, b. 1673  
 B. Jean-Charles Trahan, b. 1668 Port Royal, Acadia; m. about 1692, Marie Boudrot, b. 1674  
 C. Jean Trahan, b. 1669, Port Royal  
 D. Alexandre Trahan, b. 1670, Port Royal, Acadia; m. about 1689, Marie Pellerin, b. 1669  
 E. Marie Trahan, b. 1672, Port Royal, Acadia; m. about 1698, Jean Doiron of Pisiguit, Acadia, b. 1651  
 F. Jeanne Trahan, b. 1674, Port Royal, Acadia, m. about 1692, Pierre Vincent, b. 1668  
 G. Madeleine Trahan, b. 1677, Port Royal, Acadia; m. about 1694, Jacques Léger dit Larosette, b. About 1663

III. Alexandre Trahan, Sr., b. 1670, Port Royal, Acadia; settled in Pisiguit, Acadia (Windsor, Nova Scotia); d. 1751, buried May 10, 1751, at Port Lajoie Ile St. Jean; lived in Parish of l'Assomption; m. about 1689 Marie Pellerin, b. 1669, Port Royal, d/o Francois Pellerin and Andrée Martin

- A. Jean Trahan, b. 1690 in Pisiguit, Acadia, m. about 1714, Marie Girouard, b. 1698 d/o Pierre Girouard and Marie Comeau  
 B. Etienne Trahan, b. 1690, in Pisiguit, Acadia, m. about 1725, Marie-Françoise Roy of Port Royal, b. 1703, d/o Jean Roy dit Laliberté and Marie Aulois of Port Royal  
 C. Alexandre Trahan, Jr., b. about 1692, in Pisiguit, Acadia; m. at Grand Pré Nov. 29, 1714, Marguerite Lejeune, b. 1695 in Port Royal, d/o Pierre Lejeune dit Briard and Marie Thibodeau  
 D. Claude Trahan, b. 1694 in Pisiguit, Acadia; m. about 1725 Marie Tillard, b. 1705 in Port Royal, d/o Francois Tillard and Marguerite Leprince  
 E. Marguerite Trahan, b. about 1702 in Pisiguit, Acadia, m. in 1722, Jean Hébert, Jr., b. 1699 in Pisiguit, s/o Jean Hebert, Sr., and Jeanne Doiron  
 F. Paul Trahan, b. 1703 in Pisiguit, m. about 1730, Marie Boudrot  
 G. Madeleine Trahan, b. 1704 in Pisiguit, m. (1) in Port Royal, July 3, 1726, Jeane-Baptiste Masslé of La Rochelle, France; m. (2) about 1735, Joseph Hébert, Jr., s/o Joseph Hebert, Sr. and Madeleine Dugas  
 H. René Trahan, b. about 1705 in Pisiguit, m. at Grand-Pré, Oct. 24, 1725, Marguerite Melanson, b. about 1705, d/o Philippe Melanson and Marie Dugas  
 I. Jean-Baptiste Trahan, b. 1706 in Pisiguit; m. about 1732, Catherine-Joseph Boudrot, b. 1712, without doubt, d/o Jean-Baptiste Boudrot and Cécile Corporon  
 J. Anne Trahan, b. 1708 in Pisiguit (RPSC)  
 K. Claire Trahan, b. about 1709 in Pisiguit; m. at Grand Pré, Nov. 12, 1729, Charles Brault, b. about 1700, s/o Antoine Brault and Marguerite Babin  
 L. Joseph Trahan, b. 1713 in Pisiguit; m. at Grand-Pré, Oct. 24, 1735, Anne Thériault, b. 1715, d/o Claude Thériault and Marguerite Cormier

IV. Jean Trahan, b. 1690 in Pisiguit, Acadia, m. about 1714, Marie Girouard, b. 1698 in Pisiguit, d/o Pierre Girouard and Marie Comeau. He was at the Bale des Espanols, Cap Breton, in 1742. His wife, Marie Girouard was buried at Saint-Charles-de-Bellechasse, Mar. 14, 1758. Jean Trahan was buried at the same place March 25, 1758

- A. Marie-Joséph Trahan, b. 1715

B. Benjamin Trahan, b. 1716

C. Olivier Trahan, b. 1717; m. at Louisbourg Nov. 8, 1751, Isabelle Lejeune, b. 1726, d/o Jean Lejeune and Francoise Guidry. Olivier Trahan was at Saint-Pierre-du-Nord, Ile Saint Jean in 1757

D. Brigitte Trahan, b. 1718; m. at Louisbourg May 23, 1737, Jean-Baptiste Daguerre

E. Charles Trahan, b. 1721; m. about 1752, Madeleine Boudrot

F. Honoré Trahan, b. 1726; m. about 1746, Marie Corporon, b. 1719, d/o Martin Corporon and Cécile Joseph; Honoré Trahan deported to Maryland

G. Françoise Trahan, b. 1727; m. about 1750, François Marteau, b. in Paris

H. Benjamin Trahan, b. about 1729; m. at Louisbourg, Oct. 26, 1750, Cecile Lejeune, b. about 1730, d/o Joseph Lejeune and Cécile Pître. Benjamin was at Ile Saint-Jean in 1757

J. Louise-Lucie Trahan, b. 1734, m. at Louisbourg Oct. 17, 1752, Jean-Baptiste Boudrot, b. 1723, s/o Jean-Baptiste Boudrot, Sr., and his second wife, Louise Saulnier.

K. Agathe Trahan, b. 1737

L. Jean-Baptiste Trahan, b. about 1740, without doubt, s/o Jean Trahan and Marie Girouard, m. about 1760, Elizabeth Levron

M. Joseph Trahan, b. about 1740, probably son of Jean Trahan and Marie Girouard of Pisiguit, m. about 1760, Elizabeth Aucoin, b. Nov. 29, 1742 (BRDA), d/o Martin Aucoin and Elizabeth Boudrot. Marie Aucoin lived at Saint-Charles-des-Mines, Acadia and was deported to Charleston, S.C.

N. Marguerite Trahan, b. 1743; m. at Saint-Charles-de Bellechasse in 1782, Jean Gosselin, widower of Françoise Godbout

O. Pierre Trahan, b. 1751

V. Joseph Trahan, Sr., of Pisiguit, Acadia (Windsor, Nova Scotia), b. about 1740, probably son of Jean Trahan and Marie Girouard of Pisiguit, m. about 1760, Elizabeth Aucoin, b. Nov. 29, 1742, d/o Martin Aucoin and Elizabeth Boudrot. Martin Aucoin lived at Saint-Charles-des-Mines, Acadia, and was deported to Charleston, S.C.

A. Joseph Trahan, Jr., b. 1762; d. before May 20, 1793, when his widow m. Jean Deshormaux; m. June 24, 1783, Francoise Pître, b. about 1763, d/o Francois (Modestia) Pître and Magdaleine Vincent

VI. Joseph Trahan, Jr., b. 1762; d. before May 20, 1793, when his widow m. Jean Deshormaux; m. June 24, 1783 (SM Ch.: v. 2, #115), Francoise Pître, b. about 1763, d/o Francois (Mode, Modestia) Pître and Magdaleine Vincent; Françoise m. Sept. 30, 1816, Pierre Labombarde and on Nov. 14, 1832, Jean Baptiste Trahan, widower of Marie Trahan; Francoise Pître died in 1840 - her succ. dated Aug. 28, 1840, was filed in the Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #420 1/2

A. Joseph Trahan, III, b. June 10, 1784 (SM Ch.: v. 3, #4); m. Jan. 14, 1806 (SM Ch.: v. 5, #47) Anastasie Landry, b. 1785, bt. July 15, 1787, age 2 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #266) d/o Joseph Landry and Marie Melançon of Canada

B. Jean Trahan, b. about 1786; d. Oct. 26, 1822, age 33 yrs. (Laf. Ch.: v. 1, p. 4), m. Nov. 6, 1810 (SM Ch.: v. 5, #187) Césaire Baudouin, d/o Pierre Baudouin and Marguerite Edlermer (Edelmier)

C. Anastasie Trahan, b. 1788, bt. May 5, 1788, age 5 mths. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #296)

VII. Joseph Trahan, III, b. June 10, 1784 (SM Ch.: v. 3, #4); m. Jan. 14, 1806 (SM Ch.: v. 5, #47) Anastasie Landry, b. 1785, bt. July 15, 1787, age 2 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #266), d/o Joseph Landry

and Marie Melaçon of Canada; Joseph Trahan, III's cattle brand Fc was registered on August 26, 1800, in St. Martin Parish; He was a private in DeClouet's Regiment in the War of 1812.

A. Magloire Trahan, b. Sept. 21, 1806 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #174); m. Nov. 21, 1825 (Laf. Ch.: v. 1, #26) Marie Arsenne Hebert, b. Mar. 2, 1909 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #630), d/o Louis Hebert and Felicité Landry

B. Boy Trahan d. Nov. 14, 1808, age 7 days (Sm Ch.: v. 4, 543)

C. Joseph Trahan, IV, b. Feb. 7, 1810 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #890), m. Apr. 22, 1833 (Laf. Ch.: v. 2, p. 90) Marie Zulma Dubois of Laf., b. May 19, 1914 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #1759), d/o Pierre Dubois and Julienne Dartez

D. Luffroy Trahan, b. Aug. 15, 1812 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #1531)

E. Maximilien (Camilien, Similien) Trahan, b. Oct. 8, 1813 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #226); m. Feb. 23, 1835 (Laf. Ch.: v. 2, p. 185) Marie Olive Landry, b. July 5, 1819 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #894), d/o Maximilien Landry and Marie Domitille Thibaudeau

F. Siphorien Trahan, b. about 1814; m. July 22, 1833, Alix Olive Dubois of Laf. (Laf. Ch.: v. 2, p. 100), b. June 15, 1816 (Sm Ch.: v. 7, #381), d/o Pierre Dubois and Julienne Dartez

G. Charles Trahan, b. Apr. 15, 1816 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #674)

VIII. Maximilien (Similien, Camilien) Trahan, b. Oct. 8, 1813 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #226); d. 1866, Camilien Trahan, succ. dated 1866 (Abbeville Ct. Hse. succ. #3-J, 3-G); m. Feb. 23, 1835 (Laf. Ch.: v. 2, p. 185) Marie Olive Landry, b. July 5, 1819 (Sm Ch.: v. 7, #894) d/o Maximilien Landry and Marie Domitille Thibodeau; d. Jan. 26, 1902, buried Jan. 27, 1902, in the Primeaux Cemetery, southwest of Erath, La.

A. Marie Trahan, b. July 2, 1836; d. July 11, 1836, age 9 days (Laf. Ch.: v. 3, p. 97)

B. Emile Trahan, b. Jan. 1839, bt. March 28, 1939, at age 1 mth. and 20 days (Laf. Ch.: v. 5, p. 115)

C. Clairville Trahan, b. Mar. 22, 1840 (Laf. Ch.: v. 5, p. 191); d. Oct. 8, 1860, age 21 yrs., bur. Oct. 9, 1860 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 1, p. 211)

D. Amelie (Amelia, Emilie, Marie Emelia) Trahan, b. July 31, 1842 (Laf. Ch.: v. 5, p. 262); m. Oct. 5, 1863 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 28), Francois Bourque, Sr., ?b. Mar. 24, 1842 (Laf. Ch.: v. 5, p. 276), ?s/o Jean Baptiste Bourque and Perpetue Azelie Commeau

E. Jules Trahan, b. about 1844; d. 1889 Succ.: Apr. 29, 1889 (Abbeville Ct. Hse.: Succ. #123); m. July 1, 1867 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 143) Emma Bourgainais, b. about 1847, d/o Germain Bourgainais and Celmene Boudreaux

F. Emélie Trahan, b. 1845 (5 yrs. old in 1850 census of Vermilion Parish)

G. Camilien Trahan, b. about 1848; m. Feb. 1, 1869 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 188) Arthemise Delcambre, b. Dec. 31, 1850 (NI Ch.: v. 1, p. 114), d/o Thimothée Delcambre and Arthemise LeBlanc of New Iberia

H. Félicia Trahan, b. 1850 (8 mons. old in 1850 U. S. Census of Vermilion Parish; m. Sept. 20, 1869, Desire Beaudoin (Youngsville Ch.: v. 1, p. 89; Laf. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #1135); b. April 19, 1850 (Laf. Ch.: v. 6, p. 49), s/o Chrls Baudoin and Marie Sylvanie Boudreau

I. Azella Trahan, b. about 1853, m. Dec. 22, 1873 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 429) Cesaire Mayer, b. about 1853, s/o Henri Mayer and Anastasie Vincent

J. Aurelien Trahan, b. Oct. 25, 1854 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 1, p. 111); d. Sept. 18, 1891, age 38 yrs. (Abbeville Ch.: v. 3, p. 9), Succ. dated Oct. 5, 1891 (Abbeville Ct. Hse.: Succ. #180); m. Feb. 9, 1879 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 119) Marie Ella (Elea) Broussard, b. Oct. 23, 1862 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 73), d/o Desiré Broussard and Marguerite Frederick

- K. Lezima Trahan, b. April 20, 1856 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 100); d. Aug. 6, 1936, buried Aug. 7, 1936 in St. John Cemetery in Lafayette, La. (record at St. Genevieve Church); m. (1) Feb. 2, 1874 (Abbeville Ch.: v. 2, p. 3) Joseph Gutierrez, Sr., b. 1843 in Spain, s/o Carlos Gutierrez and Maria Lopoite; d. Aug. 4, 1890 in Vermilion Parish, La. Succ. Nov. 20, 1890 (Abbeville Ct. Hse.: Succ. #151); m. (2) Feb. 20, 1895 Jean Henri Fauvel, b. July 17, 1858 (NI Ch.: v. 1, p. 242) s/o Pierre Marie Fauvel and Perrine Priour, natives of Rennes in Brittany, France; d. Dec. 27, 1900, in Erath, La. (NI Ch.: v. 3, p. 114) buried in New Iberia, La., St. Peter's Cemetery, Dec. 28, 1900. There was no issue of this marriage.

#### LANDRY GENEALOGY OF MRS. JOSEPH GUTIERREZ, SR.

- I. René Landry, Sr., of Port Royal, Acadia, b. 1634 in France; m. Marie Bernard about 1659 in France, d. about 1692, Port Royal, Acadia; Marie Bernard was born 1645 in France, d/o André Bernard, mason, from Beauvoir-sur-Mer, in Vendée, France who arrived in Acadia in 1641 (Arsenault, *Histoire et genealogie des Acadiens*, p. 623, 624, 428, 429).

- A. Antoine Landry, b. 1660; m. Marie Thibodeau, about 1681
- B. Claude Landry, b. 1663; m. (1) about 1684 Catherine Thibodeau; m. (2) about 1725 Marie Babin; m. (3) May 13, 1741 Jeanne Bellemere
- C. Cecile Landry, b. 1664; m. (1) Pierre Terriot, b. 1655; m. (2) Etienne Racols
- D. Jean Landry, b. 1666; m. Cecile Melanson
- E. René Landry, Jr., b. 1668, m. about 1691, Anne Terriot
- F. Marie Landry, b. 1670; m. about 1686, Martin Dupuis of Grand Pré, b. 1665
- G. Marguerite Landry, b. 1672; m. Pierre Richard, b. 1661
- H. Germain Landry, b. 1674, m. About 1692, Jean Terriot, b. 1670
- J. Abraham Landry, b. 1678; m. Oct. 5, 1701, Marie Guilbaut, b. 1682
- K. Pierre Landry, b. 1680; m. Jan. 7, 1704, Madeleine Brossard, b. 1683
- L. Catherine Landry, b. 1682; m. About 1699, Jacques LeBlanc, b. 1680
- M. Anne Landry, b. 1684; m. about 1701 René Blanchard, b. 1677
- N. Charles Landry, b. 1688; m. Oct. 29, 1708 Catherine Brossard, b. 1686
- O. Isabelle Landry, b. 1690

- II. Antoine Landry, b. 1660 Port Royal, Acadia; moved to Grand Pré, Acadia, m. about 1681 Marie Thobodeau, b. 1661, d/o Pierre Thibodeau and Jeanne Thériau of Port Royal

- A. Marie Landry, b. 1682
- B. Antoine Landry, b. 1683; m. about 1705, Marie-Blanche LeBlanc, b. 1691
- C. Élizabeth Landry, b. 1685
- D. Anne Landry, b. 1688, m. about 1705, Antoine LeBlanc, b. 1682
- E. Marguerite Landry, b. 1689; m. Jacques Hebert, b. 1684
- F. Pierre Landry, b. 1690; m. about 1712, Marguerite Forest, b. About 1695
- G. François Landry, b. 1692, m. May 27, 1711, Marie-Joséphine Doucet, b. About 1692
- H. Françoise Landry, b. about 1693, m. Feb. 16, 1711, Pierre LeBlanc dit Pinaud, b. 1689
- I. Jean Landry, b. about 1698, m. About 1720, Madeleine Melanson, b. About 1700
- J. Joseph Landry, b. 1701, m. Jan. 11, 1745, Marie-Joséphine Bourg, b. 1735
- K. Angélique Landry, b. about 1704, m. About 1724, Joseph Babin, b. 1702

- III. Pierre Landry, b. 1690, m. about 1712, Marguerite Forest, b. About 1695 d/o Pierre Forest and Cecile Richard; lived in Parish of St. Famille, Plisguit, Acadia

- A. Marie Landry, b. 1714, m. May 1734, Jean Thériault, b. 1709

- B. Anne Landry, b. 1715, m. 1733, Joseph Babin, b. 1689. Anne Landry died in Virginia where she had been deported
- C. Augustin Landry, b. 1719, m. (1) 1742 Anne Rivert, b. 1719
- D. Marguerite Landry, b. 1723, m. Oct. 1740, Bruno Trahan, b. 1719; Marguerite was deported to Philadelphia
- E. Firmin Landry, b. 1725, m. (1) about 1752, Élizabéth-Françoise Thibodeau; m. (2) about 1770, Théotiste Thibodeau
- F. Brigitte Landry, b. 1727; m. about 1748, Charles Trahan, b. 1727; Brigitte Landry was deported to Maryland
- G. Basile Landry, b. 1727; m. About 1748, Brigitte Boudrot, b. About 1728; Basile Landry deported to Maryland, settled in Louisiana
- H. Joseph Landry, b. 1730; m. about 1751, Marie Madeleine Boudrot, b. about 1731

IV. Firmin Landry, b. about 1725 in Pisiguit, without doubt the son of Pierre Landry and Marguerite Forest; m. (1) about 1752, Elizabeth-Françoise Thibodeaux of Acadie; m. (2) About 1770 Théotiste Thibodeaux; d. Feb. 4, 1801, age 67 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #251); Deported to Maryland, settled in Attakapas (False River)

#### Children of Marriage to Elizabeth-Françoise Thibodeaux

- A. Joseph, b. 1753, m. about 1775, Marie Anne Melançon, b. About 1760
- B. Saturin Landry, b. 1755
- C. Hélène Landry, b. 1757
- D. Marie-Madeline Landry, b. 1759; m. June 12, 1775, René Broussard (SM Ct. Hse.: OA-1-28)

#### Children of Marriage to Théotiste Thibodeau

- E. Françoise Landry, b. Oct. 22, 1770 (Sm Ch.: v. 1, p. 20); m. Nov. 5, 1787 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #8) Isidore Lubien or Louviere
- F. Hubert Landry, b. 1773, Apr. 28 (SM Ch.: v. 1, p. 34); m. Feb. 4, 1800 Euprosine LeGros of Pointe Coupée (SM Ch.: v. 4, #190)
- G. Hélène Landry, b. 1774, Nov. 20 (SM Ch.: v. 1, p. 42); m. Oct. 4, 1794 Pierre LaPointe of Montreal, Canada (SM Ch.: v. 4, #104)
- H. Rosalie Landry, b. Aug. 15, 1776 (SM Ch.: v. 1, p. 48); m. (1) about 1802, Henry (Ranconne) Ransonnet of Liege, Flanders, France, widower of Anne Ducet of Boston (SM Ch.); m. (2) Oct. 8, 1827, Joseph Alain Boudreaux of St. Malo France (SM Ch.: v. 7, #66)
- I. Valentin Landry, bt. May 13, 1779, age 9 mths. (Opel Ch.: v. 1, p. 30); m. (1) Apr. 13, 1801, Marie Francoise Hebert (SM Ch.: v. 4, #223), b. Mar. 2, 1784 (SM Ch.: v. 2, #158); m. (2) June 21, 1824, Josephine Prevost (SM Ct. Hse.: Mar. V. A, p. 200), (SM Ch.: v. 6, #359)
- J. Marie Landry, bt. Apr. 23, 1780, age 3 mths. (Opel Ch.: v. 1, p. 32); d. July 28, 1797, age 17 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #116)
- K. Alexandre Anselm Landry, b. Feb. 20, 1782 (SM Ch.: v. 2, #42); m. Dec. 1, 1807, Susanne Hargrave (SM Ch.: v. 5, #103)
- L. Agnes Landry, b. Dec. 11, 1784 (SM Ch.: v. 3, #28); m. April 14, 1806, Pierre Perault (SM Ch.: v. 5, #54)
- M. Marguerite Landry, b. Feb. 1, 1789 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #364), m. about 1803, Nicolas Quebedeaux (SM & Opel Ch.)

V. Joseph Landry, b. 1753; d. June 3, 1797, age 47 yrs at Donaldsonville, La. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #111), m. about 1775 Marie Anne Melancon, b. about 1760 (Arsenault, v. 6, p. 2554), d/o Paul

Melançon and Marie Theriot; d. Nov. 5, 1805, age 45 yrs. as wife of second husband Thomas Sparr (SM Ch.: v. 4, #415). Marie Anne Melançon and Joseph Landry were from Maryland, settled in Louisiana

- A. Elise Landry, b. Dec. 24, 1778 (SM Ch.: v. 6, #292)
  - B. Lucie Landry, bt. April 23, 1780, at age 3 mths. (Opel. Ch.: v. 1, p. 33)
  - C. Agricole Landry, b. 1781; m. Feb. 3, 1801, Christine Labauve (SM Ch.: v. 4, #220)
  - D. Rosalie Landry, b. Feb. 7, 1784 (SM Ch.: v. 2, #170); m. Joseph Duhon (SM Ch.); d. May 12, 1816, age 30 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #1049)
  - E. Anastasie Landry, b. 1785, bt. July 15, 1787, age 2 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #266); m. Jan. 14, 1806, Joseph Trahan (SM Ch.: v. 5, #47)
  - F. Célestin Landry, b. 1786; m. May 8, 1810 Marguerite Granger of Opelousas (SM Ch.: v. 5, #175)
  - G. Cyrille Landry, b. Feb. 7, 1787 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #267)
  - H. Marie Melanie dite Marcellite Landry, b. 1788; m. Aug. 1, 1809, Celestin Prejean (SM Ch.: v. 5, #157)
  - I. Joseph-Dionisius Landry, b. Dec. 9, 1788 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #345)
  - J. Pantaleon Landry, b. about 1791, bt. Nov. 11, 1795, age 5 yrs. (SM Ch.: v. 4, #751); m. Jan. 30, 1810, Marguerite Trahan (SM Ch.: v. 5, #168)
  - K. Seraphie (Seraphine) Landry, b. 1793, bt. Nov. 1795, age 2 yrs (SM Ch.: v. 4, #752)
  - L. Maximilien Landry, bt. Nov. 11, 1795 at age 5 mths (SM Ch.: v. 4, #750); m. April 9, 1816 (SM Ch.: v. 5, #389) Marie Domicile (Domitille) Thibodeaux
- VI. Maximilien (Maxille dit Simien) Landry, Sr., b. 1795, d. Dec. 13, 1839, age 45 yrs. (Laf. Ch.: v. 3, p. 142; succ.) dated Aug. 10, 1840 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #419); m. April 9, 1816 (SM Ch.: v. 5, #389) Marie Domitille (Domcille) Thibodeaux, b. Nov. 30, 1796 (SM Ch.: v. 4, #913), d/o Jean Anselm (Thomas) Thibodeaux and Anne Marie Trahan of Belle-Isle-en-Mer, France
- A. Maximilien (Similien) Landry, Jr., b. Nov. 17, 1816 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #223); d. 1868, Succ. dated April 16, 1868 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #1182); m. Jan. 30, 1837 (Laf. Ch.: v. 2, p. 245) Marie Marcelite Trahan, b. Jan. 20, 1819 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #621), d/o Pierre Trahan and Marie Marcellite Sellers
  - B. Joseph Landry, b. Jan. 23, 1818 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #283); d. 1842, Succ. dated Jan. 17, 1842 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Succ. #447)
  - C. Marie Olive Landry, b. July 15, 1819 (SM Ch.: v. 7, #894); d. Jan. 26, 1902, buried Jan. 27, 1902 (Our Lady of the Lake Church Cemetery, Delcambre, La.); m. Feb. 23, 1835 (Laf. Ch.: v. 2, p. 185) Maximilien (Camilien, Similien) Trahan, s/o Joseph Trahan and Anastasie Landry
  - D. Marie Oliva Landry, b. 1825, bt. Sept. 13, 1828, age 3 years, 3 mths (Laf. Ch.: v. 3, p. 66)
  - E. Marie Zeonide Landry, b. about 1827; m. Sept. 9, 1837 (Laf. Ct. Hse.: Mar. #131) Maximilien Trahan, s/o Pierre Baptiste Trahan and Marie Marcelite Sellers
  - F. Seliva (Celiva) Landry, b. 1830, bt. March 4, 1831, age 21 mths. (Laf. Ch.: v. 3, p. 289); m. about 1847, Clairville Landry, b. Feb. 24, 1828 (Laf. Ch.: v. 3, p. 40), s/o Onezime Landry and Carmelite Landry
- VII. Marie Olive Landry m. Maximilien (Camilien, Similien) Trahan. (See VIII of Trahan Genealogy of Mrs. Joseph Gutierrez, Sr. for the progeny of this couple: VIII. Maximilien (Camilien, Similien) Trahan.



# THE RAILROAD COMES TO ACADIANA: ONE MAN'S PLAINTIVE RESPONSE

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The contribution of the railroad in shaping America's history has been addressed in many books. General history books tell the story of the expansion of the railroad throughout the United States, and a number of historians have considered it to be a major force in the settlement of the West, in the expansion of markets and commerce, in the securing of our national boundaries, and in the development of national unity.<sup>1</sup> However, not much has been written about the expansion of the railroad from the point of view of the planter upon whose land the railroad was built.

Two sets of suits filed in Lafayette Parish by planters against Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship Company in the 1880's tell us the history of the railroad in Lafayette Parish.<sup>2</sup> Rights of way in favor of the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company were taken from various planters in 1852.<sup>3</sup> In 1857, 1858, and 1859 the same

<sup>1</sup> For examples of general histories see John A. Garraty, *The American Nation: A History of the United States*, 2d ed. (New York, 1971); John M. Blum, Bruce Catton, Edmund S. Morgan, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., Kenneth M. Stansp, and C. Vann Woodward, *The National Experience* (New York, 1963); and Samuel Eliot Morison and Henry Steele Commager, *The Growth of the American Republic*, 2 vols. (New York, 1962). Robert William Fogel, *Railroads and American Economic Growth: Essays in Econometric History*, (Baltimore: The John Hopkins Press, 1964) offers a critical evaluation on the question of the indispensability of the railroads in American economic growth. Frederick Jackson Turner, *The Frontier in American History*, with a Foreword by Ray Allen Billington (New York, 1962) and Solon Justus Buck, *The Granger Movement: A Study of Agricultural Organization and Its Political, Economic and Social Manifestations, 1870-1880* (Lincoln, Neb. 1963) are examples of historians interpreting the history of the railroad in light of their own special theses.

<sup>2</sup> The first series of suits which were filed in 1882 in the Eighteenth Judicial District Court of Lafayette Parish claimed that the railroad employees had entered the planters' lands without permission. The planters, most of whom lived in the Cote d'Azur region of Lafayette Parish, asked for compensation and for an injunction to keep the railroad from trespassing their lands.

The first set of suits are found in the archives of the Lafayette Parish Courthouse and are filed as Civil Docket number (hereinafter abbreviated to CD) CD3307-CD3310 and CD3315-CD3331. The individuals listed as plaintiffs in the various suits were R. C. Landry (CD3307), J. G. St. Julien (CD3308), Adolphe Comeaux (CD3309), Mrs. J. J. Ceruthers (CD3310), Martial Billeaud (CD3315), Jules Guidry and als. (CD3316), the Gerac Brothers (CD3317), Lucas Bernard (CD3318), A. N. Guidry, Tutor and als. (CD3319), N. Landry and als. (CD3320), A. Guidry and C. Landry (CD3321), Homer Landry (CD3322), Servigne Sonnier (CD3323), Gerald Dupuis, widow Zepherin Bourq (CD3324), Demas Bernard (CD3325), Jules E. Langlinis (CD3326), Euphemond Bernard (CD3327), S. B. Wallis (CD3328), Rosemond Landry (CD3329), Louisa Comeaux, widow E. Landry (CD3330), and Norbert Landry (CD3331). All these suits were combined into CD3308 for hearing.

The District Court found for the planters but, upon appeal, the state supreme court judgment on July 16, 1883, found that because of rights of ways signed in the 1850's which had been offered into evidence by the railroad company, there had been no trespass. The judgment stated that the planters may have a case for damages.

J. G. St. Julien then filed a second suit in 1883. This suit is found in the Civil Docket files of the Lafayette Parish Courthouse as Civil Docket number 3370 or CD3370.

The petition filed by the railroad on March 6, 1883, in CD3308 contained the history of the railroad in Lafayette Parish up to that point in time. The same document was filed in all the other suits in the first series and a similar document was filed in CD3370 by the railroad. It was a printed document while all the other documents in the suit were handwritten.

<sup>3</sup> The rights of way were not filed in the records of the Lafayette Parish Courthouse. Evidently the railroad company had stored them in their own files and several of these documents were presented as evidence at the hearing. Among the papers found in CD3308 is the right of way signed by Paul Leon St. Julien on November 10, 1852 and the rights of way signed by Anastasie Giroir, Norbert Landry, and Sy (Syphroyen) Landry were found in CD3307.

company entered the strips of lands acquired through the rights of way (most were 50 feet wide) and constructed the roadbed in preparation for laying track. Railroad employees threw up embankments, "dug ditches, excavated earth, built culverts, and constructed other works."<sup>4</sup> At this point, the Civil War intervened and work was abandoned, leaving the elevated roadbed running throughout the route of the proposed railroad. Following the war, Charles Morgan acquired the roadbed. He then sold it to the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company who lost the railroad when it went bankrupt. Charles Morgan acquired the roadbed in May 1878 and immediately sold it to Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad and Steamship Company who began to lay rails upon the existing roadbed in 1879.

The initial response of the planters upon whose lands the railroad was being laid was one of acquiescence. J. G. St. Julien testified that "I made no objection. I did not then know the inconvenience of having a railroad through my place. I was at that time a railroad man, in favor of railroads."<sup>5</sup> But after the trains were in operation, the "inconvenience of having a railroad through my place" led St. Julien and a number of other planters to file suit for damages.

The testimony elicited in connection with the suits specified the various "inconveniences".<sup>6</sup> First of all, most of the planters occupying the land at the time that the railroad was completed in 1879 were not the same individuals who had signed the rights of way in the 1850's. For example, Paul Leon St. Julien signed the right of way in 1852 but when the construction started in 1879, the current owner of the land, J. G. St. Julien who was the son of Paul Leon St. Julien, was not aware of the right of way signed by his father. The planters thought that the intrusion by the railroad was a trespass upon their property and they were not aware of the legality of the railroad's actions until the rights of way were introduced as evidence in the hearing of suit CD3308.

Also, the 1879 owners resented the taking of their land without compensation. The amount of land involved was not insignificant because the right of way was usually fifty feet wide (more than one-fourth arpent). St. Julien's example serves as a case in point. Since he owned twenty-one and three-fourths arpents of railway right of way, this amounted to over five arpents of land being removed from production.

In addition to removing land from production, the railroad trains injured and killed cattle and other livestock and farm animals. To prevent this, the planter was obliged to build expensive fences on both sides of the track. At times fencing did not prevent injury and death to the livestock because railroad employees and tramps often destroyed the fencing or left gates open. Cattle were constantly being injured or allowed to enter lands that were planted with crops

<sup>4</sup> See the petition filed by the railroad on March 6, 1883.

<sup>5</sup> This statement is made by J. G. St. Julien in the testimony which is found in CD3308. Most pages are not numbered. It appears that evidence was taken from witnesses for the plaintiffs and defendants on March 20 and 21, 1883. J. D. St. Julien, Martial Billeaud, Norbert Landry, Gerassin Doucet, and R. C. Landry appeared as witnesses for the railroad. More testimony was taken in connection with CD3370 and even more men testified both for the planters and for the railroad.

<sup>6</sup> The complaints described here and in the following paragraphs are found in the testimony given as evidence in CD3308 and CD3370 and also are found in the petition filed by J. G. St. Julien on August 25, 1882, in CD3308.

resulting in crop damage. Martial Billeaud testified that railroad men took J. G. St. Julien's fence down several times and St. Julien's cattle invaded Billeaud's plantation and destroyed his corn.

The planters complained about the constant threat of fire. The railroad company didn't mow the grass in its right of way and the sparks given off by the belching train would often set on fire not only the grass in the right of way, but also the planter's fences, hedge-rows, crops, homes, barns, and other outbuildings. Norbert Landry testified that three fires were started on his land in the space of one month. Another planter testified that train sparks set his crops on fire three to four times in one year.

An additional complaint by the planters was that they had to mow the right of way constantly or suffer the increased risk of fire. This was a task which took a considerable amount of time and manpower.

The planters stated that the construction of the raised roadbed often resulted in changing drainage patterns on the surrounding land, usually to the detriment of the planter. Also in some instances, the railroad employees had excavated dirt from plantations to construct the roadbed. This action also had altered the drainage system.

When the railroad cut a planter's land in two, several problems resulted. One has already been mentioned: the increased cost of fencing. Another problem had to do with the number of crossings that the railroad company installed upon each planter's land. In St. Julien's case the railroad ran twenty-one and three-fourth arpents through this property. The company installed crossings only on each end of the property and to compensate for the inconvenience, St. Julien had to create additional crossings at his own expense.

The roadbed was elevated which meant that ramps had to be installed at the crossings and the planters argued that they were too steep and narrow. As a result, planters had to haul in dirt to widen the crossing and modify the grade.

The company installed cattle guards at each crossing but planters argued that they were inferior. The planters often had to replace or repair the guards at their own expense.

The limited, steep, and narrow crossings with poorly constructed cattle guards resulted in restricted access by the planter to his land on the other side of the tracks. It was more difficult to work that land because it was difficult to move the machinery from one part of the land to the other. Therefore, the land on the opposite side of the tracks became less valuable to the planter.

Several planters mentioned that the passing trains interrupted farm laborers at their work and that there was a constant flow of tramps and passersby down the right of way who trespassed and at times vandalized the planters' lands.

Planters also complained about their dealings with the railroad. The railroad either ignored or was slow to respond to their claims for damages.

To counter their unfavorable arguments, the attorneys for the railroad directed most of their cross-examination towards establishing the fact that the railroad had shortened the amount of miles the planter needed to go to ship freight.<sup>7</sup> Before the railroad came to Acadiana, St. Julien had to travel twelve miles to St. Martinville, sixteen to eighteen miles to New Iberia, or six to seven

<sup>7</sup> In both sets of suits, the railroad company called its employees to testify on their behalf. In CD3370 the railroad also called planters and businessmen from all over the parish as witnesses. They testified as to the benefits to the local economy which could be attributed to the coming of the railroad.

miles to Pin Hook to ship his goods. After the railroad came through he could ship and receive as close as one-half mile at the Billeaud station or one mile at Broussardville.<sup>8</sup>

Many of the witnesses called for the defense testified that land values increased in their neighborhoods as a result of the railroad<sup>9</sup> and also that a traffic had been developed in some items such as cotton seed that did not exist before the railroad.<sup>10</sup> A witness also pointed out the the price of coal had dropped since the railroad had started shipping coal into Acadiana which in turn resulted in more efficiently operated sugar mills on the plantations.<sup>11</sup>

The planters could see some of the benefits of the railroad. Manuel Domingue stated: "there are conveniences from the fact that the Railroad is now running." But Domingue went on to say: "I would prefer that the Railroad did not run over my land."<sup>12</sup> Others echoed his words. The railroad was an advantage to the region but not to the poor planter upon whose land the railroad traversed.

In both set of cases, the planters won a decision in their favor on the local level but the decision was reversed by the state supreme court.

Enclosed in one of the suits was a letter by one of the planters to the railroad.<sup>13</sup> The letter reveals the frustration of the planter who had to deal daily with passing trains.

Vermillionville Dec. 24th 1881

To C. A. Whitney Esq.\*  
N.O.

Dear Sir

On the 16th Nov. last your cars having killed a pair of american mules and an american colt for me, a mare and a creole horse for two of my hired hands, I was told a report of same was made to head quarters, but, thus far, I have had no answer whether I shall be paid or not for the destruction

<sup>8</sup> See the testimony of J. L. Dowdell, an employee of the railroad (first to testify for the defense), and Valin Broussard, founder of the village of Broussardville, (testimony #8) found in CD3370. In CD3370 those testifying for the plaintiffs were assigned numbers. Again the pages of testimony were not numbered.

<sup>9</sup> C. E. Smede testified in CD3370 that the value of land increased in Cote Gedeo and the surrounding regions due to the building of the railroad through the area. He noted that the St. Julien plantation was cut almost in half by the roadbed of the railroad but Smede believed that the value of St. Julien's land was enhanced by the railroad's right of way. He did not believe that the land had decreased in value.

<sup>10</sup> See C. E. Smede's testimony in CD3370.

<sup>11</sup> Henri Cieulat testified in CD3370 that the coming of the railroad to Acadiana had increased the value of the large plantations by decreasing the price of coal which in turn resulted in more inexpensive sugar production. He said that "this enabled the cultivation of cane where cotton was formerly cultivated."

<sup>12</sup> Manuel Domingue (testimony #10) in plaintiff's testimony in CD3370.

<sup>13</sup> The letter is found in CD3307.

\*Mr. Whitney was the agent for the railroad company in New Orleans.

of my property. In December of last year and Jan. & Feb. of this year the cars killed for me one pair of oxen and a blooded colt one year old, immediately I went and saw your agent Mr. Mills in Vermillionville he told me a report to that effect had been made to head quarters but thought the company would not pay unless forced to do so by law, now it seems strange to me for a company to come and pass on a man's premises, kill his stock in his own field in making money to fill their own coffers and not replace that property which the planter needs to feed that same road, this seems to me to be against common sense, and don't think there is any such unjust law.

Therefore I pray that you take in consideration my demands and pay me for my stock according to the lowest estimation without calling for damages for my mules were killed the day before I commenced making sugar, they were valued at \$400.00 [sic] I would not in the situation I was in have taken \$500 for them, they were No. 1 mules.

Now let us consider our different positions, you are I believe the richest man in our midst, and I, a small planter, helping to make you richer, for since cars commenced passing here I never sent nor received a pound of freight but by the R. Road; though I am favored with water facilities.

Now this is what I would ask of you for my mules		\$ 3 (missing)
by agreement; they were valued \$400.00		
My blooded colt	" 100.00 I would take	(missing)
For the other	" 50.00 "	3 (missing)
" " yoke of oxen	" 60.00 "	5 (missing)
	\$610.00	\$445
	445.00	
Making a reduction of	\$165.00	

As for my land which your road cuts ten acres across, I will give you a title to, if you give me barb wire to enclose your road with three wires on each side, I furnishing the posts and labor to put it up. Give me an answer immediately, otherwise I will claim full value and damages.

Yours truly

R. C. Landry

# THE ESTATE AND SUCCESSION OF ROBERT BURLEIGH OF GRAND COTEAU

*by*  
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Robert BURLEIGH, an American from Wilmington, North Carolina, arrived in Spanish Louisiana around the time of the American Revolution. He was the son of Robert BURLEIGH of England and Sarah ALDRIDGE (Hebert v. 1 and 2). Robert BURLEIGH of North Carolina was married twice. His first wife was Elizabeth MILLER of Pensacola (Hebert v. 1) with whom he had a son and four daughters, who lived to maturity, married, and had children. Elizabeth died in 1799. His second wife Mary TELLOR (John and Margaret HEINDSMAN), became Mary BURLEIGH on June 26, 1805 (Hebert v. 1). Robert and Mary had nine children. Robert BURLEIGH died in Grand Coteau February 27, 1822, and is buried in the St. Charles Church cemetery. His succession was opened by his widow on March 8, 1822.

Robert BURLEIGH of England made a will on September 12, 1757 (see Robert Burleigh's will, p. 9), and lists as heirs his wife Sarah and sons Robert and James (Grimes 1967). His will, among other things, ordered the sale of houses and lots in Wilmington, New Hanover Co. North Carolina.

Robert, Jr., who was born sometime before 1757, was a young man when he made his way from North Carolina to Louisiana. He resided for a time in New Orleans, with his wife Elizabeth MILLER of Pensacola, where at least two of his children were born. (Hebert v. 1 and 2). He appeared in the Grand Coteau area at least as early as 1781 when he sold land to Michael RITER. In 1784 his 15-month-old child was baptized in the Opelousas church (Hebert v. 1). In 1798 he bought property on Bayou Carencro from Philippe Boutté.

Robert BURLEIGH'S children from his first marriage with Elizabeth MILLER:

1a. Sarah b. 1781 or 1782, d. May 21, 1805, m. Jan. 5, 1799 to Jean Baptiste STELLY *filis* (J. B. and Magdeline RITTER). Three children were born to this marriage, Louis, Eugénie and Marcelite, and are listed as heirs in Robert BURLEIGH'S succession of 1822.

2a. Elizabeth b. New Orleans, m. Feb. 6, 1804 to Dotrief ANDRUS (James and Lucy HAYES).

3a. Robert, Jr. b. New Orleans, d. Oct. 5, 1857, m. Oct. 15, 1808, to Mary Magdeline MILLER (George and Catherine RITTER).

4a. Barbe b. Nov. 1782, d. young.

5a. Nancy b. 1792 or 1793, m. Aug. 22, 1808, Richard SLAUGHTER (Cadvelander and Jane YANCY). m. 2nd. Jan. 2, 1821, Gabriel LYONS (John and Nancy AHART).

6a. Margaret b. Mar. 1, 1794, d. before 1822 m. Apr. 21, 1813, to Nicholas PRATER of Maryland (Israel and Luci LATILAND). Three children were born to this marriage, Matilde, Carrol and Robert, and are listed as heirs in Robert BURLEIGH'S succession of 1822.

Hebert (v. 1) lists three BURLEIGH girls, Sarah, Cecile, and Barbe, all daughters of Robert and Elizabeth MILLER and all born around 1782. Without question Sarah and Cecile are the same person and I suspect that Barbe is also. Sarah and Cecile were both listed as married to Jean Baptiste STELLY, and this is what initially raised my suspicions. This was not in itself a serious problem because of estimated birth dates, I thought Sarah and Cecile were twins. When I

problem because of estimated birth dates, I thought Sarah and Cecile were twins. When I discovered that after Cecile's death, (Hebert v. 1, p. 524) Jean Baptiste STELLY fils (Sarah's husband) married on Oct. 21, 1806, Catherine MARKS, I concluded that Sarah and Cecile were the same person. Barbe was also born around the same time. There is no farther documentation regarding her, so I have always assumed she died young. I strongly suspect, however that Barbe is another alias for Sarah. Sarah had still another alias. She was called Sally in the succession. In this document we have final and incontrovertable proof of the identity of Sarah and Cecile. Two of Sally's children (heirs in the succession) Eugenie and Marcelite appear as children of Cecile while the third heir Louis, appears as a child of Sarah (Hebert v. 1).

Robert and Mary TELLER had nine children:

- 1b. James b. Sept. 1807, d. Feb. 6, 1861, m. Nov. 15, 1827, Adelaide BOUDREAU (Augustin and Francoise RITTER).
- 2b. Amelia b. Oct. 1808, d. Dec. 17, 1904, m. 1st, May 8, 1827, William JOHNSON (William and Therese RITTER) m. 2nd Apr. 23, 1848 Francois VOUTREAU.
- 3b. Sarah b. July 2, 1809, d. May 6, 1891, m. 1st, Augustin BOUDREAU (Augustin and Francoise RITTER) m. 2nd, Desire ARNAUD (Louis and Marie Ursule ROUGON).
- 4b. Mary b. July 8, 1812, d. Oct. 9, 1865, m. Dec. 27, 1832, Syphorien BOUDREAU (Jean and Marguerite CRADER).
- 5b. William b. Sept. 1, 1813, d. April. 8, 1894, m. 1st, Aug. 29, 1850, Aurelie CORMIER, m. 2nd, Jan. 15, 1868, Azelle MARKS.
- 6b. Mary Magdeline b. April. 7, 1815, d. Mar. 3, 1860, m. Oct. 24, 1839, Justin WILLS (Frederick and Therese HAMILTON).
- 7b. Magdeline Mathilde b. Mar. 1, 1818, m. Apr. 27, 1839, Charles MILLER, Jr. (Charles and Anastasie ANDREWS).
- 8b. Josephine Eliza b. Aug. 11, 1819, d. Nov. 8, 1900, m. Aug. 13, 1855, Adolph DROUHIN (Francois and Reine BAZOCHE).
- 9b. Penelope bt. Aug. 23, 1822, d. Apr. 15, 1889, m. Aug. 21, 1849, Joseph SIBILLE.

Robert BURLEIGH'S succession was opened with the following petition of his widow:  
To the Honorable George KING judge in and for the  
Parish of St. Landry in the State of Louisiana &  
Ex-officio judge of the Court of Probate.

The Petition of Mary TELLOR Of said Parish  
Widow of Robert BURLEIGH Senr. deceased, with respect represent, that her said husband lately departed this life in the aforesaid Parish, where he has left an Estate in Community between his children & your Petitioner—of which Estate she, your petitioner prays that an estimative inventory be made & that the same be sold at public auction to the end that it may be regulated according to law. She further prays that a family council of her children be convoked for the purpose of nominating a proper person to be appointed under tutor—and moreover that She may be confirmed in her tutor & curatorship & as in duty bound—Opelousas March 8, 1822

Mark X of Mary  
TELLOR widow of  
Robt. BURLEIGH Senr.  
decd.

And Judge KING so ordered by endorsement to the above petition.

Then:

I Mary TELLOR widow of Robert BURLEIGH Senr. decd. do Solemnly Swear that I will well and truly perform all and Singular the duties & functions imposed on me as natural tutor & curator to my minor children to wit, James BURLEIGH, Amelea BURLEIGH, Sarah BURLEIGH, Mary BURLEIGH, William BURLEIGH, Magdelene BURLEIGH, Matilda BURLEIGH, Josephine BURLEIGH & Penelope BURLEIGH, to the best of my abilities & Judgement & according to Law—So help me God!

Sworn & subscribed to at

Opelousas the March 8, 1822

Before me

Geo KING Judge

Mark X of Mary  
TELLOR widow Robt.  
BURLEIGH

At a court of Probate holden before George KING judge in & for the Parish of St. Landry in the State of Louisiana on this eighth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, a family council of Mary BURLEIGH, William BURLEIGH, Magdelene BURLEIGH, Matilda BURLEIGH, Josephine BURLEIGH, & Penelope BURLEIGH, minor heirs of Robert BURLEIGH Senr. decd. & under the age of puberty, composed of Robert BURLEIGH, Jr. their half brother Gabriel LYONS, Nicolas PRATER, Jean Bt. STELLY & Dotrief ANDRUS their brothers in Law being convoked for the purpose of nominating a proper person to act as under tutor & the said council having consulted with each other & maturely deliberated on the subject are unanimously of opinion that said Robert BURLEIGH, Jr. is the most proper & suitable person to act as undertutor to the aforesaid minors & recommend his appointment accordingly—and have hereunto signed in open court the day & year above written at Opelousas.

His  
Robert X BURLEIGH  
mark  
Dotrief

Gabriel LYONS

State of Louisiana

Parish of St. Landry

This day the eighth of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, being thereto requested I George KING judge in and for the aforesaid Parish have proceeded to the plantation & last residence of Robert BURLEIGH Senr. deceased, in order to make and Estimative Inventory of the Estate in community between his Widow & heirs & to that effect have with the advise & concert of the interested appointed Onezime GUDIRY, Augustin BOUDREAU & Jean GUILBEAU fils as appraisers, who being first duly sworn according to Law, we have proceeded as follows to wit,—



First	Seven pair of oxen appraised at forty dollars and eighty dollars		\$ 280
2nd.	Five mules at thirty five dollars each		175
3rd	One American brown horse at eighty dollars		80
4th	Four work horses at thirty five dollars each		140
5th	Forty two head of sheep at three dollars each		126
6th	Two pair Stutyards at ten dollars		10
7th	One flouque at six dollars		6
8th	One turning lathe & tools at two dollars		2
9th	One log chain at fourteen dollars		14
10th	Eight ploughs & Flouques at forty dollars		40
11th	One grind stone at three dollars		3
12th	One pair old wheels at five dollars		5
13th	One Iron tooth harrow appraised at three dollars		3
14th	One ox cart at twenty dollars		20
15th	One ditto at ten dollars		10
16th	One silt/ of harrow teeth at six dollars		6
17th	One broad axe & hand axe at five dollars		5
18th	Six axes at twenty dollars		12
19th	Six old axes & hatchets at three dollars		3
20th	One large bench vice at eight dollars		8
21st	Five sickles at five dollars		5
22nd	Seven pair hinges at six dollars		6
23rd	One hoe and two spades at six dollars		6
24th	Two frows, three wedges & one cro-bar at eight dollars		8
25th	One well chain at three dollars		3
26th	A lot of old Iron at eight dollars		8
27th	A lot of carpenters tools at forty dollars		40
28th	A lot of old Iron at two dollars		2
29th	A lot of tanned leather at three dollars		3
30th	A parcel of nails at three dollars		3
31st	Two whip saws at fourteen dollars		14
32nd	Two cut saws at ten dollars		10
33rd	One lightening rod at eighteen dollars		18
34th	One loom and its appurtenances at eighteen dollars		18
35th	A lot of oil and paint at ten dollars		10
36th	Five demijeannes and 6 jugs at eight dollars		8
37th	Part of a box of glass at six dollars		6
38th	Two old Spinning wheels at six dollars		6
39th	One wooden bathing tub at six dollars	75	
40th	Abt. 300 lbs wool at 25 cent per pound	300	420
41st	One coachee at three hundred dollars	12	
42nd	One pr. millstones and irons at twelve dollars		
43rd	A negro man named Jack aged about twenty seven years appraised at nine hundred dollars	900	1310
44th	A negro man named Ben, aged about fifty years appraised		

	at six hundred dollars	600	530
45th	A negro boy named Jim aged about eighteen years appraised at eight hundred dollars	800	1100
46th	A negro woman named Mary Ann aged abt. twenty two years with her two children towit, Baptiste a boy age about six years & Jean Pierre a boy aged about two years, appraised at eleven hundred dollars	1100	1300
47th	A negro woman named Dinah aged about twenty five years, with her child a boy named Ephraim about four years old, appraised at nine hundred dollars	900	1335
48th	A negro woman named Ellen aged about forty years (sickly) appraised at eighty dollars	80	310
49th	A negro woman named Cate aged about thirty years with her five children towit, Rachael a mulatto girl about nine years, Ben a negro boy aged about seven years, Lot a negro boy aged about five years, Patrick a negro boy aged about two years, & Lewis a boy eight months old appraised at two thousand dollars	2000	2500
50th	A negro woman named Peg aged about forty five years (infirm) appraised at ten dollars	10	20
51st	An old infirm man named Tom, considered of no value		
52nd	A negro boy named Peter aged about sixteen years, appraised at six hundred dollars	600	1100
53rd	A negro man named Othe aged about twenty seven years, appraised at eight hundred dollars.	800	1215
54th	Six pots two ovens & four pails appraised at twelve dollars	12	
55th	One fusil at twenty five dollars	25	
56th	One ditto at fifteen dollars	15	
57th	One Sword Cane at two dollars	2	
58th	One side board at sixty dollars	60	
59th	One house clock at thirty dollars	30	
60th	Two dining tables at twenty dollars	20	
61st	One framed walnut table at eight dollars	8	
62nd	Three small tables at thirteen dollars	13	
63rd	One pair looking glasses at twelve dollars	12	
64th	One silver watch at fifteen dollars	15	
65th	One chest at eight dollars	8	
66th	One desk & book case at forty dollars	40	
67th	Twelve chairs at eight dollars	8	
68th	One amoire at thirty dollars	30	
69th	Two pair and-irons shovels & tongs at fifteen dollars	15	
70th	The beds are left for the use of the small children with the consent of the major heirs		
71st	The tract of land on which the decd. last resided situated in the aforesaid Parish & lying in the Prairie Grand Coteau		

	having nine arpents front by the depth of about thirty five bounded by the land of Robert BURLEIGH Jr. on one side being the same acquired by purchase from LEGER with the buildings and improvements thereon, and a tract situated in the foresaid Prairie, bounded on one side by land of David MECHE & on the other by land of the widow Charles SMITH, containing about one hundred & seventy eight superficial arpents & being the same that the deceased acquired by purchase at the Sale of the Estate of the Widow Andre MECHE appraised together at eight thousand dollars	8000
	(Purchased by the Widow for \$8000)	
72nd	A tract of land situated in the aforesaid Prairie & containing about one hundred & thirty three acres & being the same acquired by purchase from Francois SAVOYE on the 31 March 1807 Appraised at five hundred dollars	500
	(The above being that same confirmed to the deceased by Commissions certificate Marked B No. 465 Sold to George MILLER for \$500)	
73rd	A tract situated in the aforesaid Prairie having eight arpents front by about twenty six in depth & being the same acquired by purchase from Blaize LEJEUNE on the 16th of June 1793 appraised at eight hundred dollars	800
	(The above tract actually sold to Baptiste CASTILLE for fourteen hundred twenty five dollars-\$1425-"It being understood that this tract interferes with land of Pierre POTIER & that it is sold without guarantee as respects the quantity or interference")	
74th	A tract of land Situated in the aforesaid Prairie having six arpents front by forty in depth & being the same acquired by purchase from Bouté on the fourth of August 1798 appraised at eight hundred & fifty dollars	850
	(This tract was actually purchased by Robert BURLEIGH, Jr. for \$754.)	
75th	The horned cattle of the Estate number unknown, appraised at ten dollars per head of one year old & upwards	Memoir
76th	One Dozen Silver Spoons & forks & soup ladle appraised at one hundred & ten dollars	110
77th	Two bedsteads appraised together at fifteen dollars	15
78th	One Spy glass appraised at five dollars	5
79th	The cotton crop of the last year to be sent to New Orleans	Memoir
80th	Due to the estate by Mrs. Charles Smith two hundred	

& six dollars & seventy five cents.	206.75
81st About three hundred	
82nd Due to the Estate by John KIRKBY	15
Illegible (Actually this item is cash left by deceased)	375
	\$20, 518.75

Thirty seven village lots situated at the end of the Plantation tract of land having been left out of the Inventory of the 8 March we have proceeded to day the 8 Apr. to appraise the same and for that purpose Jean BUILBEAU fils & Augustin BOUDRAU, two of the former appraisers being called in & sworn and duly considered on the subject of the value of said Lotts, have appraised them at twenty five dollars each

925  
\$21,443.75

Having now appraised every thing belonging to the Estate amounting to twenty one thousand four hundred & forty three dollars & seventy five cents, except for the heretofore intered by way of Memorandum, we have made a final close & hereunto signed the 8th day of April 1822.

Witnesses

James RAY

John DAVIS

his  
Augustin BOUDREAU  
mark  
Jean GUILBEAU fils  
N. PRATHER  
his  
Gabriel L  
mark  
Dotrief ANDRUS  
Her  
Mary TELLOR  
mark  
widow BURLEIGH

George KING

State of Louisiana

Parish of St. Landry

This day the eighth of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, being thereto requested by the interested, I George KING judge in and for the aforesaid Parish have proceeded to the Plantation and last residence of Robert Burleigh Senr deceased, in order to sell at public auction the Estate in community between his widow & heirs payable one half in the month of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty four—purchasers giving approved Security and the land & slaves remaining mortgaged until full & complete Payment of the purchase money, which Mortgage shall have the force and effect of a judgement at Law, upon which an order of seizure and Sale may issue—all payments to bear interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the time they become due if not then punctually paid—It being understood that any

purchaser residing out of the Parish domiciates himself at this office of the judge of this the aforesaid Parish where he consents that the demand may be made & citation Served waving the right of being sued in the Parish of his residence—Having published the aforesaid terms & conditions of sale which conform to advertisements posted up at different places for the space of thirty days as directed by Law, we have proceeded to sell to the highest bidder as follows towit,

There followed an itemized list of tracts of land, slaves and moveables disposed of at public auction, including items 121 thru 156 which consisted of village lots now comprising a large portion of downtown Grand Coteau.

The Estate of Robert BURLEIGH  
Celestin LAVERGNE Collector  
List of Bidders at Public Auction

Dominique BABINEAU  
Andre LEGER  
Francols ARCENEUX  
Placide GUILBEAU  
Baptiste Maturin RICHARD  
Joseph BABINEAU  
Francols BERNARD  
Louis WEST  
Charles MILLER  
Henry MILLER  
Narcisse ANDRUS  
Zenon QUIBODEAU  
William JOHNSON Jr.  
Joseph WINKLER  
Jean Baptiste CASTILLE  
Jean GUILBEAU fils  
Aimé DUFOUR  
Jean Baptiste STELLY  
Jean Baptiste BOURQUE  
Elias STEEN  
Michel STELLY  
Antoine ROBIN  
Jean GUILBEAU pere  
Jean Baptiste DEJEAN  
Joseph Fabien RICHARD  
Placide RICHARD

Hypolite SAVOYE  
Celestine LAVERGNE  
Charles GUIDRY  
Ozame GUILBEAU  
Jean MILLER  
Ursin \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. FRYER  
Hyposite CORMIER  
William HUTCHINS  
Cyrille RICHARD  
Jean Simon WESTIN  
Joel WEST  
Andre MECHE  
John D. SMITH  
Pierre Cyporien ARCENEUX  
Joseph LAVERGNE  
Alesandre GUILBEAU  
Jean SAVOYE  
Christopher HERTZEL  
Pierre GUIDRY  
Simon BERNARD  
Christopher STEEL  
Thomas CARUTHERS  
Agricole LE BLANC  
Raphael SMITH

On the day of the sale items 121 thru 156 were village lots and disposition of same were made as follows:

ITEM	LOT	PURCHASER	PRICE
121	15	Pierre GUIDRY fils	\$65
122	41	Pierre GUIDRY fils	65
123	40	Cyrille RICHARD	58
124	39	Joseph LAVERGNE	56
125	18	Jean GUILBEAU fils	50
126	38	Cyprien ARGENEAU	50
127	19	Dotrief ANDRUS	57
128	37	Hypolite CORMIER	40
129	21	David MECHE	44
130	35	Hallaire ANDRUS	37
131	20	George MILLER	46
132			
133	22	Doctor WESTIN	33
134	23	Doctor WESTIN	38
135	24	Doctor WESTIN	32
136	25	Doctor WESTIN	31
137	47	David CARUTHERS	62
138	36	Zenon QUIBODEAU	39
139	34	Christopher HERTZEL	30
140	32	Andre MECHE	33
141	31	Andre MECHE	27
142	33	Christopher HERTZLE	31
143	26	Joseph WINKLER	27
144	30	Joseph WINKLER	25
145	29	Joseph WINKLER	20
146	14	John D. SMITH	41
147	42	Baptiste RICHARD	36
148	13	John D. SMITH	27
149	43	John D. SMITH	25
150	12	John D. SMITH	36
151	44	John D. SMITH	25
152	11	John D. SMITH	40
153	45	Andre LAGER	44
154	10	John D. SMITH	52
155	46	Andre LAGER	63
156	9	John D. SMITH	84

## WILL OF ROBERT BURLEIGH, SR.\*

In the name of God Amen. I Robert BURLEIGH of Wilmington in the Province of North Carolina, being sick and weak in Body but of Sound Mind & Memory and Considering the uncertainty of life do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following.

Imprimis I Recommend my soul to God who gave it, in all Humble hopes of its Happiness as in the of a being Infinitely good and Merciful, as to my Body I desire that it may be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executor hereafter named.

Item It is my will and desire that my Funeral Expenses and all my just debts be paid and discharged and that all contracts binding on me, my Heirs or Estate be complied with as punctually as may be and that all debts due to me be collected as soon as they can in order to carry on the Buiding I am now about.

Item It is my will that my Lots and Houses where I now live may be sold to the best advantage, in order to enable my executor to compleat my brick building on Market Street jointly with Anthony WARD and James Gregory and after finishing the same it is my will that the said houses and Lots on Market street be likewise be sold and six hundred and forty acres of land at Newtopsail? which I purchased from Anthony WARD with all my working tools, Negroes and other personal Estate/Excepting my household goods/ and to be made the most of at the Descretion of my Executors.

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah all my household goods to her and her Heirs for Ever.

Item I give and Bequeath all the residue and Remainder of my Estate Real and Personal unto my Wife Sarah & my two sons Robert and James to be divided equally among them Share and Share alike and that my two sons Robert and James be brought up by their mother so long as she remains a widow. But in case my wife marries again it is my will that my estate be then divided and my children may still remain with their mother provided she gives such security as may be thought sufficient by my Executors for their parts if put into her hands, that they may receive the same when they become of age.

Lastly I do hereby Nominate & Appoint my Friends Dan Dunblin and Cornelius HAMETT Executors of my last Will and Testament Hereby revoking and making Null & Void all former wills be me made declaring this to be my Last Will. In Witness Whereof I have here-unto set my hand and seal the twelve day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand seven hundred and fifty seven

Signed Sealed Published and  
Declared in the Presence of  
Sam GIDEON  
Thos JAMES & Thos NEWTON

Signed by Robert BURLEIGH

\* The will of Robert Burleigh, Sr., recently came to Mr. Sloane. He includes it here for the information it provides.

## THE BURLEIGHS TODAY

Robert BURLEIGH'S descendents living today number in the thousands and many of them are still living within a 25-mile radius of the old BURLEIGH homeplace which still stands in Grand Coteau. There are 24 BURLEITHS (and BURLEYS) in the Lafayette phone directory, 22 in Opelousas, in Sunset-Grand Coteau. So what about the thousands? They aren't named BURLEIGH! Robert BURLEIGH'S two wives gave him 14 children, but only three sons. He had 87 grandchildren, but his three sons perpetuated his name with only eight grandsons. His daughters on the other hand had sons aplenty. Elizabeth contributed six ANDRUS boys to the rapidly growing clan. Issue of Robert's second marriage Marie, gave seven BOUDREAU boys. Justin WILLS and Mary Magdeline gave three. Charles MILLER, Jr. and Matilde added five boys to George MILLER's rapidly expanding progeny.

During the next generations this bias to girls continued. The bias is so persistent that the cause simply has to be genetic. The few boys produced few boys and in the execeptional case of Gilbert, only son of Robert Jr., who had eight boys, five of the eight remained unmarried or died young.

Most of the living BURLEIGHS are decended from Robert's second son James. James' wife Adelaide, of the notably fertile BOUDREAU clan gave him 5 sons out of his large brood of 13. The BURLEIGH name as far as decendants of the other two sons, Robert Jr. and William is rapidly approaching extinction.

BURLEIGH named decendents of James are definitely on the increase. Just 30 years ago, BURLEIGH was a rare name in St. Landry Parish. Today after 200 years in Louisiana the name is becoming somewhat common place.

The BURLEIGH Plantation home stands today in Grand Coteau. It is still occupied by BURLEIGHS as it has been continuously for 200 years. Robert BURLEIGH bought the property on which the house stands in 1798. It is not clear if the house existed at that time. But it is certain that he was living there in 1799 when his first wife died. He continued to live there with his second family until he died. The succession of 1822 shows the house, and the land on which it stands, purchased by the widow Mary TELLER from the estate for the appraised value of \$8000. Mary TELLER lived in the house until she died in 1851. Richard BURLEIGH a descendent of the third son William, lives in the house today with his wife. He was born there as was his father, Richard, before him and his grandfather, Joseph, before that.

The property today fronts on BURLEIGH Lane and the house stands alone, back away from the road, behind the Town Hall and the water tower.



# VEAZEY-ETIE AND RELATED FAMILIES

by  
Clare L. Childers

John Veazey arrived in Maryland sometime around 1660 to 1670. Veazey was a landowner in Cecil County, where settlers were of two classes; gentlemen adventurers who intended to become planters and lords of the manor, and indentured servants. His homestead, still standing and in use in 1989, was situated just south of Bohemia River, on the east side of Chesapeake Bay, and in an area which came to be called "Veazey's Neck". John Veazey's will names his wife, Martha, and surviving children William George, Edward, James, and Robert.<sup>1</sup>

All of John's five sons married and remained in Cecil County, where they were prominent in civic and military affairs, and where they held public offices generally awarded to those of the "gentleman" class. John's son, Edward, had only one child, also named John, who inherited his father's plantation and added a considerable number of acres to it, all in the vicinity of the first Veazey homestead. This second John had five or more children, one of whom was William, who died in Cecil County on April 10, 1781.<sup>2</sup> William left a widow, Rebecca, and four sons: William, Robert, John, and Joshua, all minors.<sup>3</sup>

Rebecca Veazey died in Cecil County around 1794, and her son Joshua, at the age of fifteen, was placed under the guardianship of a John Mercer.<sup>4</sup> The guardian's final accounting to the Cecil County Orphan's Court was presented in 1801, and showed a balance of £117, as Joshua's inheritance from both his mother and father's estates, and also stated that Joshua owned a negro slave named Ben, who was hired out at £21 a year.<sup>5</sup>

Joshua Joseph Veazey is next found in the records of St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, where he married Elizabeth Bazinet in 1807.<sup>6</sup> The Bazinet lineage traces back to four sets of ancestors who settled in the area of Montreal, Canada, in the early to mid-seventeen century. They include the names of Ausalt, Berger, Charlot, Chartier, Besnard, Delapier, De Seine,

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<sup>1</sup> Andrea Lunsfer, *Genealogical Record of Cecil County Families, The De Vescie - Veazey Family of Cecil County*, Elkton, MD, Historical Society of Cecil Co., MD, 1979.

<sup>2</sup> "Date of death" given in guardian bonds account, Jan. 5, 1787, *Cecil County, MD. Administrator and Guardian Bonds, 1784-97*, p. 19. (Hall of Records, Annapolis).

<sup>3</sup> "Account of estate of William Veazey", in *Cecil County, MD. Inventories, 1780-92*, pp. 102-14. (Hall of Records, Annapolis). Includes names of the children of William Veazey.

<sup>4</sup> *Cecil Co., MD. Guardianship papers. Folder: Joshua Veazey of William, Bond £200, John Mercer, covers 1795-1800.* (Hall of Records, Annapolis).  
Also, *Administrator and Guardian Bonds*, No. 185, March 3, 1795.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> Marriage record in *Archives of Archdiocese of New Orleans*, Vol. 3 (1806-1821), p. 23.

Drapeau, Faucon, Janot, Léger, Leterrier, Loisel, Pilet, Rose, and Sénécal.<sup>7</sup> Elizabeth's father, Jean Baptiste Bazinet, native of Canada, settled in New Orleans, where in 1786 he married Anne Marie Foret, born at St. Malo, France, to Acadian refugees, Victoire Foret and Marie Josephine Hebert.<sup>8</sup>

Joshua Veazey may have been tabulated twice in the 1810 census for New Orleans. On page 221 of the census, there is householder "Vauzais", age 26-45, with a wife age 15-26, and a son under age 10, on Conti Street. On page 225, also on Conti Street, is a family "Vesey", with the same household members. According to "New Orleans Genesis", v. 18, p. 191,<sup>9</sup> "Vauzais" is the same as "Veazey, hatter at No. 7 Conti", as listed in the New Orleans directory for the year 1811.<sup>10</sup>

A hatter in those days was a hat maker, and the hat industry was generally profitable. Hat-making was a well-established trade by the early nineteenth century, with a seven-year apprenticeship for journeyman's standing, and the comparatively high wages of \$1.25 a day. Hats sold for about \$3.<sup>11</sup> Being a product both bulky and fragile, they could not be shipped profitably, and, according to the 1810 census recapitulation,<sup>12</sup> half of the total production of hats came from small shops scattered outside urban areas. Sixty-eight percent of the counties in the United States had at least one hat-maker, and often he was a farmer who made hats in the off-season. In these shops, one artisan, or a few, made hats from start to finish. The process involved four steps. First, a piece of felt was made from fur. The felt was then shrunk, hardened, and shaped until stiff. The material was dyed, and lastly, blocked, shaped and trimmed. Before the hat was ready for sale, a lining was sewn in, usually by women. There was only little problem with this profitable industry. In a poorly ventilated place, the mercury used in the felting process caused an ailment to the nervous system. "Hatter's shakes" affected the eyelids, the tongue, and the arms and legs, causing a lurching gait, a tangled speech, and addled wits - hence, a mad hatter!<sup>13</sup>

For the entire United States in 1810, hat manufacture ranked eighth place in total dollar value, with 17 kinds of major manufacturing ranked below. There were 29 hatteries in Louisiana in 1810. Of the various manufacturers recorded in the city of New Orleans, there were 23 brick kilns, 50 cabinetmakers, 110 shoemakers, 1 soap and candle maker, 25 blacksmiths, 30 tin or

<sup>7</sup> Bazinet lineage traced through marriage and baptism records in Archives of Archdiocese of New Orleans, which reveal that parents of Jean Baptiste Bazinet are Francois Bazinet and Elizabeth Charlier of Montreal. Further tracing was through *Dictionnaire National des Canadiens Français (1606-1760)*, Irene Lusier, (Institute Genealogique Drouin, Montreal, 1965).

<sup>8</sup> Marriage record in Archives of Archdiocese of New Orleans, Vol. 2 (1784-1806), p. 48a.

<sup>9</sup> *The New Orleans Genesis*, v. 1, 1961 - (Genealogical Research Society of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA).

<sup>10</sup> Th. H. Whitney, *Whitney's New Orleans Directory, and Louisiana and Mississippi Almanac for the Year 1811* (New Orleans: Printed for the author, 1810), p. 53.

<sup>11</sup> David Bensman, *The Practice of Solidarity: American Hat Finishers in the Nineteenth Century* (Urbana, Univ. of Il. c1965).

<sup>12</sup> U. S. Treasury, *A Statement of the Arts and Manufacturers of the United States of America, for the Year 1810: Digested and Prepared by Tench Coxe* (Philadelphia, 1814).

<sup>13</sup> Mary Elizabeth McClellan, *Felt, Silk and Straw Handmade Hats: Tools and Processes* (Doylestown, PA: Bucks County Historical Society, 1977).

coppersmiths, 40 gold or silversmiths, 20 clock and watchmakers, 8 gunsmiths, and - one hattery (with a stock of 2000 hats).<sup>14</sup>

By 1820, Joshua Veazey was head of a household consisting of a wife, six children, and one female slave, but his financial situation was such that he was unable to support his family. His troubles must have come upon him suddenly because in 1816 he was able to buy a piece of land on St. Peter's Street, between Dauphine and Burgundy streets, and in 1819 he purchased a female slave, both of which he owned free and clear in 1822.<sup>15</sup> In January, 1822, Veazey mortgaged his property on St. Peter's Street and his negro slave for \$1,000 to pay debts. Among his debts are five months of back rent at \$50 a month; \$40 for "bread furnished his family"; a medical bill for \$74; and a number of personal loans dating from November, 1820.<sup>16</sup> In February, 1822, he petitioned the court for a year's delay to repay debts totalling \$6,300. A number of his creditors agreed to the delay, but apparently Veazey's major problem was a question of liability for a debt of \$3,380, which case was then pending in the Louisiana Supreme Court.<sup>17</sup> In the court records of Veazey's financial troubles it appears that Veazey, as surety, signed a note for an acquaintance, who then died. The lender also died, and the lender's heirs sued Veazey for repayment of the loan. As it happened, the heirs were represented by none other than Veazey's landlord, Joseph de Pontalba, from whom he rented his home and place of business on Conti Street. Pontalba demanded immediate payment, which the court granted. The sheriff was ordered to seize all goods on the premises at Conti Street, and he reported the sequestering of "104 hats and 2 large cases". Veazey was allowed to retain the tools of his trade and "the clothes and linen to my use and that of my family". Also sold to satisfy the debts was the slave and the property on St. Peter's Street, which Veazey purchased in 1816 from the heirs of Jean Batiste Bazinet, his father-in-law. The lot was split and sold in two parts of 15' x 75', and the last sale was not recorded until 1826.<sup>18</sup>

The Veazey family was relocated to St. Martinville, Louisiana, by the time of the 1830 census. Nothing at present is known about Veazey's occupation in St. Martinville, other than the record of a cattle brand for Elizabeth Veazey.<sup>19</sup> He owned a house and lot, situated on Bayou Teche in the town of St. Martinville. Noted in the sale of this house and lot to his son, Adolphe, following the death of Joshua in 1842, was an antecedent agreement, whereby the owner of said house and lot would "annually and perpetually" pay a rent of "twenty dollars and thirty-three cents" to the congregation of the Catholic Church of St. Martin, which adjoined the property.<sup>20</sup> The inventory of Joshua's possessions, as listed in his succession, reveal something about his lifestyle. It included a horse and saddle, three cows, a cage of chickens, a canoe, 25 kegs of shells, an

<sup>14</sup> U. S. Treasury, *A statement of the arts* . . .

<sup>15</sup> Proceedings of First Judicial District Court, Louisiana, #5088, filed Feb. 4, 1823.

<sup>16</sup> Proceedings of First Judicial District Court, Louisiana, #4466 and #4487, filed March 18, 1822.

<sup>17</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>19</sup> *St. Martin Parish - Cattle Brands, Part II, Book B, p. 667.*

<sup>20</sup> *Clerk of the Court, St. Martin Parish, La., Succession #959.*

armoire, a chest of drawers, a bedstead, two tables and a sideboard, five chairs, a leadlined tub, mirrors, a case of books, and a great number of bottles, crocks, and jars. His wife, Elizabeth Bazinet, died some time between 1834 and 1840, having borne fifteen children,<sup>21</sup> ten of whom were living in 1842 when Joshua's estate was probated.

Following are the children of Joshua Veazey and Elizabeth Bazinet.

Louis Agenor Veazey was born in New Orleans in 1810. He married Josephine Adelaide Miguez (Salvatore Miguez and Anna Maria Segundo Dominguez) and had the following children; Frederic, Emmanuel Alfred, Elvire, Pierre Alcide and Pierre Alcibiade (twins), Louis Joseph (Agenore) and Marie Josephine (Agenoria) (twins), and Adelaide. Louis Agenor Veazey died April 27, 1850, in the Parish of St. Martin, and his succession is dated December 31, 1853.<sup>22</sup>

Frederic Theophile Veazey was born September 11, 1811, in New Orleans.<sup>23</sup> His wife was Clementine Dearable (sp?).<sup>24</sup> The 1840 census states that he was employed in agriculture in St. Martin Parish and owned four slaves; the 1850 census gives his occupation as printer. His children were Theodore, Elizabeth, Marie, Philomene, Jules, and Theophile.<sup>25</sup>

Emile Joachim Veazey was born June 19, 1813, in New Orleans and died before 1820.<sup>26</sup>

Anne Eugenie Veazey was born March 22, 1815, in New Orleans<sup>27</sup> and married Alfred Benoit in St. Martinville.<sup>28</sup>

Joachim Adolphe Veazey, born 1817, married Marie Carmelite Broussard in 1842.<sup>29</sup> In 1847 a daughter was born to Adolphe and Manette, his freed slave. Nine more children were born to Adolphe and Manette before 1870, when, as a widower of "Anastasie" Broussard, Adolphe married Manette at St. Martin of Tours Church. Two more children were born to this couple.<sup>30</sup> Adolphe was a merchant in St. Martinville, according to the 1840 census, and the 1860 census gives the occupation of Manette as "coffee and cake".

Alfred Veazey was born about 1819 and died 1834.<sup>31</sup>

Eliza Veazey was born 1820 and died soon after birth.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Donald Hebert, *Southwest Louisiana Records*, 25 vols. (Eunice, La.: Privately printed, 1974), V. 2-6.

<sup>22</sup> *Clerk of the Court, St. Martin Parish, Succession #1407.*

<sup>23</sup> Archives of Archdiocese of New Orleans, Baptisms V. 7 (1811-1815), p. 27b, Act No. 155.

<sup>24</sup> Hebert, V. 4, p. 490.

<sup>25</sup> U. S. census, 1850, St. Martin Parish, La.

<sup>26</sup> Archives of the Archdiocese, Baptisms V. 7, p. 100b.

<sup>27</sup> *Ibid.* V. 6, p. 6a & b, Act No. 34.

<sup>28</sup> Hebert, V. 4, p. 490.

<sup>29</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>30</sup> Hebert, V. 4-9.

<sup>31</sup> Hebert, V. 3.

<sup>32</sup> Hebert, V. 2.

Jean Pierre Veazey was born 1823 and died between 1830 and 1840.<sup>33</sup>

Estelle E. Veazey was named as a minor in her father's succession, and her birth date of 1823 was calculated from the 1870 census, in which she was recorded as a seamstress and a spinster in New Iberia.

Mathilde Eugenie Veazey was born 1824 and married David Read in 1845.<sup>34</sup>

Rose Ema Veazey was born 1826 and died before her father's succession was filed in 1842.<sup>35</sup>

Emile Veazey was named as a minor in the succession of his father.

Theodore Valsin Veazey, born 1828, married Antoinette Martin and lived near Abbeville.<sup>36</sup>

Eloi Valcourt Veazey, born 1830, was still living when his father's succession was filed.

Irma Lucille was born 1833 and in 1856 married Emmanuel Joachim Etie.<sup>37</sup>

Emmanuel Joachim Etie descended from the families of Brou, Toupard, Borel, Etie, and Baudoin, Louisiana settlers in the mid-eighteenth century, and the eighteenth century Spanish immigrant families of Miguez, Dominguez, Delgado, and Guerrero (sp?).<sup>38</sup> These early settlers were mostly agriculturists and cattlemen, but by the fifth generation of descendants some had turned to other occupations.

E. J. Etie was engaged in the practice of law at the time of his marriage to Irma Veazey. He was mayor of New Iberia in 1868, and the first judge of Iberia Parish when it was created in 1868.<sup>39</sup> The Conveyance Books of St. Martin and Iberia parishes show considerable activity in the buying and selling of land (town lots) by Etie, and these land transactions were continued by his widow for twenty-five years after his death in 1870 at the age of 41.<sup>40</sup> The Conveyance Books also reveal that in 1855 Etie was instrumental in forming a corporation for the purpose of carrying freight and passengers on Bayou Teche. The company had a capital stock of \$30,000, of which Etie owned 5 shares at \$500.<sup>41</sup> It is not known if this transportation business actually went into operation. Emmanuel J. Etie and Irma Lucille Veazey had nine children in their fourteen years of marriage. Their children, all born in New Iberia, are the following.

Gabrielle Etie was born 1857. In 1873 she married Leander Berry in New Iberia.<sup>42</sup> In conveyance records of 1879 she is Gabrielle Etie; in those of 1892 she is Mrs. Joseph Baker

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<sup>33</sup> Hebert, V. 2.

<sup>34</sup> Hebert, V. 2; V. 4, p. 490.

<sup>35</sup> Hebert, V. 2.

<sup>36</sup> Hebert, V. 2, 6, 13.

<sup>37</sup> Hebert, V. 3; 6, p. 206.

<sup>38</sup> All names derived from volumes of Hebert.

<sup>39</sup> Glenn R. Conrad, *New Iberia*, (Lafayette, La.: Center for Louisiana Studies, 1979), p. 124, 401.

<sup>40</sup> Death Record in Hebert, V. 9.

<sup>41</sup> Conveyance Books notes supplied by Anita Etie Sheffield, Houston, Tx., in 1985.

<sup>42</sup> Hebert, V. 7, 12.

Whitney. Gabrielle is known by the author to have lived the last years of her life in New Orleans, occupied as a seamstress. She was not known to have any children.

Marie Blanche Etie, born 1858, married John H. Guerin in 1877.<sup>43</sup> They moved shortly thereafter to Galveston, Texas, where they raised one child.

Louis Danton Etie, born 1860, married Louise Theresia Jacobs, of Houma, Louisiana, and raised a family of eight children in Galveston and then Houston, Texas. He died 1905 in Houston.

John Jefferson Davis Etie, born 1861, with wife Ada Melissa Shook, raised ten children in Galveston and then Houston. He died in 1930.<sup>44</sup>

Laurence Eugenie Etie, born 1863,<sup>45</sup> married Oscar Rudolph Hoecker in Galveston, Texas, in 1879.<sup>46</sup> Of the thirteen children born to this pair, eleven survived to maturity.

Charles Orade Etie, born 1865,<sup>47</sup> died before 1870.

Charles Ernest Horace Etie, born 1867,<sup>48</sup> never married. He died in Galveston in 1939, and was known affectionately, by his many nieces and nephews, as "Charlie Horse".

Robert Alexandre Etie was born 1868.<sup>49</sup> Family tradition says that he was living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1890, and in Los Angeles in 1918, with his wife Katherine.

Marie Etie, born one day after the death of her father, died several days later.<sup>50</sup>

Laurence Eugenie Etie and Oscar Rudolph Hoecker raised eleven children in Galveston, Tx, where Hoecker held an official position as Cotton Weigher. Their second son, Charles Louis Hoecker, was my father. He and his wife, Louise Moore of Galveston, Tx, settled in Woodland, CA, where Charles Hoecker was employed as a machinist until his retirement at the age of seventy-five.

Many branches of the Veazey-Etie family have moved gradually, but continually, westward. Since the mid-nineteenth century the known history of these Veazey-Etie descendants has been that of typical middle-class, urban American. They were employed mostly as office clerks, skilled craftsmen, laborers, and housewives. It is just my fancy that leads me to see someone here and there in these family descendants who lives with a certain flair, a style that might be that of New Orleans' only hatter of 1810? And could that streak of unsentimental, sober judgment that crops out in this person or that be an inheritance from the Judge of New Iberia?

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<sup>43</sup> Hebert, V. 7, 13

<sup>44</sup> Information on Louis and John Etie supplied by Anita Etie Sheffield, Houston, Tx, 1985.

<sup>45</sup> Hebert, V. 7.

<sup>46</sup> Marriage License Record Book No. F, p. 453, no. 907, Clerk of the County court, Galveston County, Tx.

<sup>47</sup> Hebert, V. 7.

<sup>48</sup> Hebert, V. 8.

<sup>49</sup> Hebert, V. 8.

<sup>50</sup> Hebert, V. 9.

# LAFAYETTE PARISH SUCCESSIONS 1823-1900

*by Rebecca A. Batiste*

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SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
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705	Labarthe, Alice	Feb. 15, 1853
824	Labauve, Christine	Oct. 3, 1857
929	Labauve, Christine W.	August 29, 1861
395	Labauve, Francois	May 23, 1809
816	Labry, Aristide	May 17, 1857
1190	Labry, Daphius D.	July 6, 1868
840	Lacaze, Jules	Feb. 28, 1850
940	LaChaussee, Raphael	no date
553	LaCour, Julienne	Dec. 10, 1846
884	Lacouture, Bernard	Oct. 1, 1859
1527	Lacouture, Victorine	June 14, 1877
324	Laehausse, Phillip	Dec. 24, 1836
1665	Lagarosse, Edmond	Oct. 18, 1882
1926	Lalande, Aristide	Sept. 29, 1891
288	Lalande, Joseph Ursin	Sept. 15, 1834
1905	Lalande, Napoleon	Nov. 29, 1890
675	Lalande, Pierre	July 1, 1851
1378	Lambert, Francois	Aug. 15, 1872
156	Lambert, Francoise	June 11, 1829
1875	Lambert, Julien	March 8, 1890
1337	Lamorandiere, Etienne	August 1, 1872
1821	Landeau, Collin	Nov. 14, 1887
2152	Landry, Adeole	March 1, 1899
702	Landry, Advelia	Jan. 4, 1853
158	Landry, Agricole	June 29, 1829
94	Landry, Alexandre	July 20, 1826
1708	Landry, Alexandre	Feb. 16, 1884
1820	Landry, Amelia	Nov. 9, 1887
306	Landry, Andre	Sept. 10, 1835
983	Landry, Andre B.	Dec. 13, 1864

SUIT NO.	NAME	DATE FILED
334	Landry, Ann	Jan. 12, 1838
263	Landry, Antoine	Dec. 15, 1833
1500	Landry, Argine	Jan. 27, 1877
151	Landry, Armand	Jan. 13, 1829
1139	Landry, Athanae	Dec. 9, 1867
743	Landry, Azelle C. J. B.	May 25, 1854
1929	Landry, Camellite	August 15, 1891
2157	Landry, Cecile	April 20, 1899
376	Landry, Celestin	Feb. 9, 1838
427	Landry, Clementine	April 5, 1841
2138	Landry, Clevince	July 1, 1898
1455	Landry, Dalie	Jan. 23, 1875
1535	Landry, Edmond	Oct. 1, 1877
2107	Landry, Edmonia	April 21, 1897
646	Landry, Eleanore	June 6, 1850
1404	Landry, Eliza	Dec. 18, 1872
2067	Landry, Eliza	Jan. 18, 1896
4	Landry, Elizabeth	May 7, 1823
1926	Landry, Elmira	June 16, 1891
382	Landry, Eloi	July 21, 1831
492	Landry, Eloi	Jan. 18, 1844
823	Landry, Emile	Sept. 7, 1857
1161	Landry, Emile Ursin	Jan. 21, 1868
1027	Landry, Emile	Nov. 30, 1865
578	Landry, Eugenie	Oct. 4, 1847
1947	Landry, Eugenie	April 22, 1892
1533	Landry, Euphemie	Oct. 15, 1877
494	Landry, Fabien	Feb. 3, 1844
20	Landry, Felicite	Aug. 26, 1823
1742	Landry, Felix	June 1, 1885
877	Landry, Filomen	June 24, 1859
635	Landry, Francoise Wilbert	Jan. 17, 1850
1519	Landry, Girard Joseph	March 20, 1877
392	Landry, Hellen Margaret	no date
262	Landry, Henry	Dec. 4, 1833
1720	Landry, Henry	July 31, 1884
365	Landry, Jean	Feb. 9, 1838
1169	Landry, Jean B. D.	Feb. 8, 1868
82	Landry, Jean Pierre & Lovinski	March 1, 1826
447	Landry, Joseph	no date
114	Landry, Joseph	Sept. 25, 1827
177	Landry, Joseph	Feb. 5, 1830
1815	Landry, Joseph	Oct. 17, 1887
609	Landry, Joseph B.	Feb. 7, 1849
1312	Landry, Joseph	Feb. 16, 1872

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